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PM to inaugurate first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay a two-day visit to the UAE, beginning Tuesday, during which he will hold talks with President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and inaugurate the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi. It would be the PM's seventh visit to the UAE since 2015, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Saturday. Modi and Al Nahyan will discuss ways to further deepen, expand and strengthen the strategic partnership between the twow countries, it said. **P9**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited from the eligible contractors / firms by the **Executive Engineer, Special Buildings Division - I, Public Works Department, Puducherry** for the following work :

Tender No. **42/SBD1/2023-24, Dt.:10/02/2024.** Name of Work : **Construction of Office Complex for Department of Science, Technology & Environment at Olandai Revenue Village, Puducherry.** Estimated Cost : **₹.5,99,47,498/- (Inclusive of GST)** EMD : **₹.11,98,950/-.** e-Tender processing fee : **₹.1500/- + GST** @ 5%. Time of Completion : **10 (Ten) Months.** Last time and date of submission of bid : **26/02/2024 - 4.00 P.M.** The date of tender opening **27/02/2024 - 10.30 A.M.** Time allowed : **Ten months.**

The detailed procedure is available in the Press Notice which can be downloaded along with the NIT from the website **https://pudutenders.gov.in** only by those Contractors who are having valid ikey and Digital Signature Certificate.

No.678/DIP/AD(PRESS)/2023-24 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, CENTRAL OFFICES, HUBLI

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 21/2023-24 DATE : 09-02-2024

Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal

Tenders, both Pre-qualification & Commercial offers (Two Tender Document System) through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal are invited from the interested bidders.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description of Tender Details with approx. value
1	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0004	Supply of Brake & Air Brake Parts (Rs. **10.95** Crores)
2	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0035	Supply of Brake Linings (Rs. **4.71** Crore)
3	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0036	Supply of Wiper Motor, Arm & Blades (Rs. **1.14** Crore)
4	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0037	Supply of Gear & Gear Parts (Rs. **1.72** Crores)
5	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0038	Supply of U Bolts, Centre Bolts and C Clamps (Rs. **0.56** Crore)
6	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0039	Supply of Thin Walled Bearing (Rs. **0.23** Crore)
7	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0040	Supply of Head Assy and Accessories (Rs. **1.39** Crore)
8	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0041	Supply of Oil Seals (Rs. **1.42** Lakhs)
9	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0042	Supply of Fasteners (Rs. **0.63** Crore)
10	NWKRTC/2023-24/ IND0043	Procurement of Ball & Roller Bearings (Rs. **1.29** Crore)

Last date & time for submission of Tender through e-portal : **28-02-2024** upto 17.30 hrs.

For details visit website:**http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (Phone No. **080-22230960, 080-22234115**) or Help Desk (**+91 80 46010000**, **+91 80 68948777**). Contact Mobile Nos. **7022009113 / 7760988557**. **Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases, (Tender Inviting Authority)**

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

E-TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for the following item(s):-

Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD(₹)
1.	13245030/27.02.2024	Electronic Rail Weight Bridge Cap 70 MT as per specification no. Mech/M&P/3800/GM/18 Rev.-NIL. **[Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery] **PL. No./Item Code:** 656100230015	01 Nos.	88140/-
2.	16241036/29.02.2024	High Speed Steel High Cobalt Content Drill bit 3.7 mm	151854 Nos.	59860/-
3.	12241069/29.02.2024	Set of Air Duct (without Air Filters) for 3-Phase MEMU/DMC with Medha Electtic Coaches.	71 Set.	68620/-
4.	17231317A/05.03.2024	Set of Seat attachment profile for LHB non AC Chair Car coaches	115 Sets	162290/-
5.	12241035/01.03.2024	Set of Hand Hold Arrangement with metro Type Hand holds for 3 Phase MEMU Coaches (2 types)	1) 46 Set 2) 219 Set	760750/-
6.	12241024/04.03.2024	Set of Retention Tank for 3-Phase MEMU/TC Coaches	224 Sets	883530/-
7.	12241026/04.03.2024	Set of FRP Side Wall/ Ceiling Panels for MEMU coaches (5 types)	1) 428 Set, 2) 73 Nos., 3) 67 Set, 4) 73 Set, 5) 211 Set	1312190/-
8.	12241058/04.03.2024	**1)** Fixing Arrangement of Rolling shutter assembly for 3-Phase MEMU/TC coaches. **2)** Fixing arrgt of Cab AC Duct for MEMU DMC Medha Electric Coaches. **3)** Fixing Arrangement of Rolling shutter assembly for 3-Phase MEMU/DMC Coaches.	1) 441 Nos. 2) 62 Set, 3) 68 Nos.	165300/-
9.	12241040/05.03.2024	FRP Roof Panels for MEMU coaches (02 types)	1) 132 Set 2) 55 Set	672900/-
10.	12241061/07.03.2024	Arrangement of UIC Rubber Vestibule	300 Nos.	314990/-
11.	12241062/26.02.2024	**1)** Non AC Area Ceiling Arrgt. For LHB AC 3-Tier Coaches. **2)** Non AC area ceiling arrangement for LHB AC2T coaches	1) 48 Nos. 2) 84 Nos.	129530/-
12.	12241010/06.03.2024	Set of Seats for 3-Phase MEMU Coaches (2 types)	1) 72 Set 2) 216 Set	2000000/-
13.	01241005/04.03.2024	Wearing Piece	1219 Nos.	183690/-
14.	01241037/04.03.2024	Centre Pivot Pin Complete	423 Nos.	76870/-
15.	01231361/05.03.2024	1. Front Cover 2. Rear cover	1) 1700 Nos. 2) 1800 Nos.	147080/-
16.	02241010/29.02.2024	Ext Supp Socket 125 AMP, 415V, IP67, 5 Pole (3P+N+E) with Pilot Contacts	2340 Nos.	78970/-
17.	02241056/29.02.2024	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and maintenance of GPS Location based Papis and LED destination board in Kit form for LHB AC 2 Tier and 3 Tier Coaches	180 Set	1246680/-
18.	05241024/05.03.2024	Under Frame Complete for LHB SLR coaches, MEMU TC DMC and Power Car	353 Nos.	2000000/-
19.	05241026/05.03.2024	Set of Side Wall Assly and Roof Complete SLR and Power Car	353 Nos.	2000000/-
20.	05241057/06.03.2024	Bearing Bracket	281 Nos.	113400/-
21.	02231353A/29.02.2024	Cable Jacket System (Three Type)	121078 Mtrs.	87180/-
22.	02231011A/26.02.2024	CCTV Surveillance System with Net Working System for 3 Phase MEMU	26 Sets	285890/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website http://www.cce.gov.in. 2.** All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. **3.** Tender at Sr. No. 1 to 12 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Tender at Sr. No. 13 & 22 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. **4.** For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. **NOTE:** "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them". **PCMM**

CORRIGENDUM: (1) Tender No. 14231273 **Due date may be read as 22.02.2024** instead of 07.02.2024. **(2)** Tender No. 02231383 PA System **Due date may be read as 08.02.2024** instead of 30.01.2024. **(3)** Tender No. 12231445 for Set of Honeycomb Partition Frame for LHB Hot Buffe **Due date may be read as 16.02.2024** instead of 08.02.2024. **(4)** Tender No. 12231399 for the procurement of Non AC Area Ceiling Arrgt. for LHB AC 3 Tier Coaches **Due date may be read as 20.02.2024** instead of 08.02.2024. **(5)** Tender No. 15245003 **Description may be read as Steel Almirah size 4'(W) X 2'(D) X 6'(H) excluding legs with 4 cabins** Instead of Almirah tool kit, **Due date may be read as 15.02.2024** instead of 12.02.2024, **Quantity may be read as 448 Nos.** instead of 248 Nos. & **Earnest Money may be read as Rs. 183680/-** instead of Rs. 101680/-. **(6)** Tender No. 02231449 for Roof Mounted AC Package Unit **Due date may be read as 26.02.2024** instead of 30.01.2024. **(7)** Tender No. 13225848D for procurement of Design, manufacture, erection and supply of complete Skin Tensioning workstation on turnkey basis **Due date may be read as 15.02.2024 (14:30)** instead of 05.02.2024. **(8)** Tender No. 17231459C for procurement of Set of Furnishing items (FRP Panels, Non AC area ceiling, Air duct, Honeycomb partition frame and pillars) in Kit Form for LHB AC 2 Tier Coaches **Due date may be read as 16.02.2024** instead of 09.02.2024. **Dy. CMM**

R.O. No. 152-S/2023-24 **Dated: 10.02.2024**

THE MYSORE PAPER MILLS LIMITED

Paper Town, BHADRAVATI-577 302, KARNATAKA.
CIN: L99999KA1936SGC000173 (03.06.2014)
Phone: +91 +91 9632451730/: +91 9448218706
E-mail: dirforestsmpm@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS FOR SALE/DISPOSAL OF DEBARKED EUCALYPTUS PULP WOOD FULL QUANTITY

e-Portal & MPM Ref Tender No.: MPML/2023-24/ SE0020 MPM/FFR/DF/RM/2023-24/038 DTD. 07.02.2024 **Material Description:** Debarked Eucalyptus/Euca-Pelita **Quantity in MT:** 10000 **Last date & time for Bid submission:** 21.02.2024 17.00 HRS.

MPM intends to sell of above said Pulpwood is being tendered through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka: https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Cost of document: As per e- portal norms. Blank tender docu ments can be downloaded from e-procurement portal; http:/ / mpm.karnataka.gov.in. website. Any changes / amendments to this tender will be published in the e- procurement portal/MPM website only

Sd/- Director (Forests)i/c

DIPR/smg/No.7302/ksmca/23-24/1241

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.82,66,442/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Two only)** as on **28-02-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **01-03-2023** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Ossan Preci Mech., No.108, Rajagopalanagara Main Road, Peenya 3rd Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560058. No.2) Mr. Thimme Gowda, S/o. Mr. Hanumantharayappa, No.889, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Vijayananda Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560096. No.3) Mrs. Ramakka, W/o. Mr. Hanumantharayappa, No.889, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Vijayananda Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560096.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Thimme Gowda, S/o. Mr. Hanumantharayappa)

All that piece and parcel of the Site No.108, Assessment No.143, Khatha No.66, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpura, Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk now comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet in Total 1,200 Sq.ft. together with building constructed thereon and bounded on:- East by - Site No.107, West by - Road, North by - Road, South by - Site No.109.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,00,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
05-03-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore- R.T. Nagar Branch,** 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032, Karnataka. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032, Karnataka. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 09-02-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/TZH/EE(C)/37/2023-24/21465-73 Date: 06.02.2024

Tender Notification (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works from the reigsitered KPWD contractors having EPF registration and fulfilling the other requirement as in NIT Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Hassan

(1) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT608** for "Construction of Boundary compound wall, Road and drain works at 110/11kv S/s premises Banavara in Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District". Reserved Caste: **General.**

(2) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT609** for "Construction of Security compound wall and other allied works at KPTCL Colony at C.R.Patna in C.R.Patna Taluk, Hassan District". Reserved Caste: **General.**

(3) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT610** for "Construction of Security compound wall and other allied works at KPTCL Colony Arasikere in Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District". Reserved Caste: **ST.**

(4) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT611** for "Construction of Boundary compound wall and other allied works at 66/11kv S/s premises Yesaluru in Sakleshpura Taluk, Hassan District." Reserved Caste: **SC.**

(5) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT612** for "Providing Four wheeler and Two wheeler parking lot to the newly constructed Office Complex at MRS Colony, Shivamogga". Reserved Caste: **General.**

(6) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_ INDENT 389/ Call-2** for "Construction of compound wall to 110kV sub-station land at Gurupura-2nd phase". Reserved Caste: **SC.**

(7) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_ INDENT 391/Call-2** for "Construction of approach road with drain to KPTCL colony and 110kv sub-station at Nittur". Reserved Caste: **ST.**

(8) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/CEE/TZH/EE(C)/2023-24/12 dtd:06.02.2024** for "Providing Housekeeping of building, security persons and maintenance of garden at the KPTCL Prasarana Bhavana Office Complex premises and clearing of thick/thin jungle in 220/66/11kv sub-station colony premises Hassan for a period of 12 months".

(9) Tender Indent **No: KPTCL/CEE/TZH/EE(C)/2023-24/13 dtd :06.02.2024** for "Providing services of housekeeping helpers, cook and caretakers (Maity) for maintenance of KPTCL Guest house at Hassan, Hassan district period of 12 months".

For detailed information and to participate in the tender through KPPP mode please visit our website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly you can access the tendering website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or afternoon **3.00 P.M. on 13.02.2024** any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573 201. Ph: 08172-231051.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD

Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	CE/MM	M. 86	1

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/825/Tender/2024

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board

O/o The Chief Engineer, KUWS&D Board, Mysuru zonal office, Jalabhavan, #P-4, 10th main, 3rd cross, 3rd floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-09
Ph No: 0821- 2545894,
Email: kwbcemys2014@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only) IFT no: 1435 dated: 06-02-2024

The tender for the work of "Providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to Bajpe, Kinnigoli and Mulki town with Gurupura River as source under AMRUT -2.0 including O&M for a period of 5 years (including 1 Year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation)" amounting to Rs.135.26 Crores has been invited vide Karnataka Public Procurement Portal indent No: KUWSDB/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT147. Further details may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S. & D Board, Mysuru

DIPR/DD-MYS/KSMCA/1047/2023-24

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

No.: CEE/SLDC/SEE/EE/AEE-1/2023-24/8529-35 **Date: 09.02.2024**

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry **No.: KPTCL/CEE/ SLDC/SEE/EE/AEE-1/DEO-016/2023-24** for providing Man power services of 13 Nos. of Data Entry Operators required at O/o CEE, SLDC, KPTCL & its associated offices, Bengaluru for a period of 12 Months.

The bids will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **3:00 PM on 12.02.2024.** Any details required in this regard may also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer(Electy.), State Load Despatch Centre, 28,Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560009. Telephone: 080-22287204, 080-22259719.

INDIAN BANK

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

AVENUE ROAD BRANCH
P.B. No.6773, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560002.

APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical/ constructive/ Symbolic** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Avenue Road Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **23/02/2024,** for recovery of **Rs 54,76,959/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Nine Only)** as on **31/07/2023** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from **01/08/2023,** due to the **Indian Bank, Avenue Road Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **Sri Chattar Singh, S/o. Balwant Singh, M/s. Pankaj Apparels,** Shop No.31, Jayalakshmi Complex No.33, Appaji Rao Lane, CT Street Cross, Bangalore-560002. **Sri Pahad Singh, S/o. Sri Varad Singh,** No.181/3, Sri Krishna Complex, M V Tiwari Road, Sultanpet, Bangalore-560053. **Sri Dungar Singh, S/o. Chattar Singh, M/s. Pankaj Apparels,** Shop No.31, Jayalakshmi Complex No.33, Appaji Rao Lane, CT Street Cross, Bangalore-560002. **Smt. Jokam Kuwar, W/o. Pahad Singh,** No.181/3, Sri Krishna Complex, M V Tiwari Road, Sultanpet, Bangalore-560053.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: 1) All that piece of property bearing Municipal No.36 (Old No.70/208, later No.123 and 123/1) PID No.46-25-36, situated at 6th Cross (rear portion), Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018; property comes under the limits of BBMP. **Measuring:** East to West: 45 feet, North to South: 50 feet and **Bounded on: East by:** Property of Smt. Janabai, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Proprty of Sri Venkobarao, South **by:** Property of Sri Ramaswamy.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	**Reserve Price: Rs.2,62,83,000/-**
EMD Amount: Rs.26,28,300/-	**Bid incremental Amount: Rs.10,000/-**
Property ID No.: IDIB6568758294	

Date and time of e-auction: 20.03.2024 between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call **MSTC HELPDESK No.033-22901004** and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.**

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please **visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.**

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in and www.mstcecommerce.com.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 09.02.2024 **Indian Bank**

The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited,

Since : 1966
172, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.
Phone : 2336 4376 / 2356 2609 Email : nehrungr@rediffmail.com

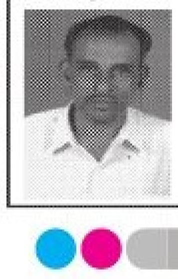
POSSESSION NOTICE-IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The under signed being the Authorized officer of **The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** No 172, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bnaglore-560020, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) raed with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 13.09.2023 to the borrowers **Sri. Subramanyam R S/o Late. Rajagopala Naidu, Since dead by his LRs Smt. Varalakshmi S D/o Late. Subramanyam R, Sri. Shyamsundar S S/o Late. Subramanyam R, Sri. Purushotham S S/o Late. Subramnyam R** calling upon to repay the loan amount of Rs.12,56,376/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six only) as on 11.09.2022 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the entire loan amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said rules.

The borrower in particular and the public in general here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited. **Borrower : Sri. Subramanyam R S/o Late. Rajagopala Naidu, Since dead by his LRs Smt. Varalakshmi S D/o Late. Subramanyam R, Sri. Shyamsundar S S/o Late. Subramanyam R, Sri. Purushotham S S/o Late. Subramnyam R loan Account No. 201200000495.** Demand Notice dated 13.09.2023 Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Final Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, Total Amount Due: 13,22,597/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Seven only) as on 06.02.2024

Description of property: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing No. 47, Municipal No. 47/4, Situated at Ramadasa Road, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore. PID No. 03-61-47/4 and New PID No. 037-W0221-01.
Measuring : East to West 23.10 ft. and North to South 15 ft.
Bounded on **East By:** Road **West by:** Property belongs to Muniyappa
North by: 5' Passage **South By:** Property belongs to Anuradha



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Authorized Officer

Place: Bangalore Date.09-02-2024

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CONTACT:
98457 65559
98450 43282

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: SnT_RdW-AppL_ReL_Imp
Dated : 06-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
SWR - Bengaluru Division - Road Warning Signal, Approach Locking and Reliability Improvement work at LC gates over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 1,40,51,701.82

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 29-02-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer / Bengaluru

PUB/681/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. CN/12/2024
Dated :02-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the supply of following item.

Description in brief : Design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of Heavy - Duty Elevator with machine room and gear less type 8 Persons, etc. **(Qty : 2 Set.)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 14:00 Hrs on 05-03-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Materials Manager / Construction Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/677/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/102/2024
Dated : 06-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Balance work for Rebuilding of RE Approaches by construction of RCC Retaining wall of ROB No. 483B at Km. 33/600-700 Between Rajanukunte - Doddaballapur Stations. **(Tender Ref. No. ROB-483B-BALANCE)**	Rs. 6,23,32,766/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 27-02-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction / Works Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/679/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

We, **Aziz Pasha S/o Late Ansar Pasha, Tasmia Tabasum D/o Late Ansar Pasha, and Ayeshabanu D/o Late Ansar Pasha,** hereby declare that our father, Ansar Pasha, has passed away. The property in the name of our father located at No. 9, 1st Street, Murugapillai Street (Old No. 57, New No. 68), Bharatinagar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore City. We have lost the original documents of the above property while traveling to the BBMP Office, Shivajinagar, dated 22.12.2022, to transfer the property to our names. If anybody has found the above-said documents, please contact the following address: Kolmiramaiah Layout, 2nd Cross, Maluru-563130. Ph: **8747836788. 9448524284**

PUBLIC NOTICE

DECLARATION

I, **Sri.U.SURESH CHOWDARY** S/o Sri.U.Lakshminarasaiah, Aged about 53 years, Residing at No.204, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, 24th Main, 1st Sector, Y.S.Residency, HSR Layout, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102., do here by declare that, I am the absolute owner of the Property Bearing Old Sy.No.93/2, Re-Sy.No.149, New Sy.No.149/1, Measuring 1 Acre 29.8 Guntas, Situated at Indlavadipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, I have purchased the property from the previous owners and one of the previous owner name as Sri.Muniyappa son of Krishnappa @ Badarahalli Marappa (both the names Krishnappa and Badarahalli Marappa are both are one and the same person)., if any objections or queries be pleased to file their objections within seven days from this day. Mob. 8884979979.

Sri.U.SURESH CHOWDARY
DECLARANT

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT.ASHA RANI & SRI.N.RAVI** are the owners of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and they have lost the original Sale Deed dated 27/1/2006 bearing Document No.22493/2005-06, Book-1 executed by Smt.Shivarathna in favour of Sri.A.Bangaru registered in the office of Sub-registrar, Kengeri , Bangalore, pertaining to the schedule property: In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site No.43, V.P.Khatha No.160, New V.P.Khatha No.1101, situated at Bheemanakuppe Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft and bounded on the : **East by:** Site no.48, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.44, **South by :** Site No.42.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate,
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-560019. Cell # 9341261700

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is information to the general public that my client's Honamma (Aadhar No. 2014 2289 7941) has acquired the schedule property from government in enrollment No. 1785/09-10 dated 27.11.2009. In the meanwhile Smt. Honamma the owner of the schedule property has lost the original sale deed during travelling, which was registered in office of the Sub-Registrar Yelahanka, Bengaluru, vide Registration Document No. YAN-1-01785-2009-10, in Book No.1, stored in CD No. YAND322, dated 27.11.2009 and in-spite of several efforts the original deed has not been traced and she has lodged a complaint with the Yelahanka Police Station, Bengaluru. If anybody have right, share, claim, objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with the copies of supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.27, situated at Yelahanka Village, Yelahanka Hobli & Taluk, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, measuring to an extent of East to West 11 sq feet and North to South 45 sq feet and bounded on :- East by : Factory Ground, West by : Road, North by : Huchamma and South by : Govindaraju.

H.K. GOPALA GOWDA, Advocate
Haniyur Village, Hesaragatta Hobli, Yelhanka Taluk, Bengaluru. M: 9448882293

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. R. Saraswathi** W/o H.D. Thippeswamy, # 09, ESI Quarters, Indiranagar, HAL, Bangalore confirm resident of the above address. We hereby declare that my client has Lost the below mentioned Original Sale deed whiling carrying to Photostat the Documents, Near LIC HFL, Yelahanka branch on 10th February 2024.

The Document of title Original Sale deed with respect to Site No.37, Assessment No.14 measuring [40×(39+52)/2 feet, are situated at Kadaranahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, This above Original Sale Deed (Mother deed) bearing No. 11058/2006-07 dated 22/05/2006, is registered in the office of the SRO, Bangalore North Taluk, Further Police complaint has been lodged on 10/02/2024in Online bearing Lost Report. No. 0926183/2024 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. The above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed **within 14 days** failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

A.Prashanth, Advocate
No.3755, SAMPRATHI, DESHADAPETE
Doddaballapur Town-561203. Mob : 9916917735

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client **Mr. PRASHANTH KUMAR POLSANI,** that the **(1) Agreement of Sale dated 08/06/2005 between M/s. Chaitanya Properties Pvt. Ltd., and M/s. Prestige Estates Projects Pvt Ltd., and Ms. Deep Gupta, (2) Construction Agreement dated 08/06/2005 between Ms. Deep Gupta and M/s. Prestige Estates Projects Pvt Ltd., And (3)Assignment Agreement dated 02/02/2006 between Mrs. Deep Gupta and Mr. Pulak Chattopadhyay,** for residential apartment bearing No. **14095**, BBMP Katha Serial No.1793, Old 63, 63/N/14095, situated on Level-9 of Block -14, "NINAS PONT" in "PRESTIGE SHANTINIKETAN", measuring 1297 Sq.Ft., of super built up area, with One Covered Car Parking Space Slot No. 722 in the Basement level along with 451 Sq.ft., of an undivided share, situated at Sadaramangala/Hoodi Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, has been lost/misplaced by our client **Mr. PRASHANTH KUMAR POLSANI,** for which an appropriate Lost Article complaint **vide e-Lost Report No.0925015/2024 on: 09/02/2024** with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit) is registered.

If anyone find these document, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing document without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **10 days** from the day of this paper publication after which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

Sd/- **Anupam Agarwal**
RAMNIWAS SURAJMAL (Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 511, 5th Floor, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone No.: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date: 11/02/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Sri.Guttula Chakravarthy** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The original Sale deed, registered on dated 09.05.2022 Document number ANK-1-01222-2022-23 registered at Anekal Sub-registrar office, Bangalore, executed by Sri.Vasudevaiah and others in favour of M/s Shivam Builders and Developers Rep. by its Proprietor Sri.N.H.Bhaskar Reddy, for the Immovable property bearing Site No.55, PID No.150200102201801597, Grama Panchayathi Records Katha No.1148/55, formed in Sy.No.89/3 is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 09.02.2024 vide 0925153/2024.

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within **7 days** from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him /their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.55, PID No.150200102201801597, Grama Panchaythi Records Katha No.1148/55, formed in Sy.No.89/3, in the layout known as "Spring Luxury Villas", Measuring East to West 15.24 Meters, North to South 9.14 Meters in all measuring 139.29 Sq.Meters, Situated at Gudigattanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and bounded on East by : Road, West by: Site No.66, North by : Site No.54, South by: Site No.56

Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C) , 9th A Main, 40th Cross, Jayanagar 5th Block Bangalore - 560041
Contact No : 9901944099
E-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are here by informed that my client **Sri. Ananda Ramu D,** S/o. Late Dasegowda residing at No. 3325, 14th Cross, R.P Road, Ward No.16, Nanjangud Town, Mysore, Karnataka-571 301, propose to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Smt. Padma. A** W/o. K.S. Ramesh Babu, No. 699, 4th Main K.S.T, Bangalore-560 060.

Any Person, persons, Nationalized Banks, International Bank/s, Private Bank, Financial institutions Co-operative Society, BDA, KHB, KIADB or any Government body objecting for the proposed purchase or having any sort of right in the below mentioned Schedule Property may lodge their objections and / claims and can contact below mentioned mobile and with the undersigned along with supporting documentary Proof ***within TEN days*** from the date of this publication. Objections and any claims received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claimants /objections.

All that piece and parcel of immoveable Property - bearing **No. 699 LIG House, BBMP Khatha No.1937/699/1923 Situated at 4th Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, measuring East to West 45 feet & North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1350 Sq feet with 900 Square RCC Building,** and bounded on the **East by:** LIG House No. 669 **West by:** 4th Main Road, **North by:** LIG House No.700 and **South by:** LIG House No.698.

Sd/-

R. SREENIVASA RAO, ADVOCATE,
No.213, I- B Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, BANGALORE-560 060
Mob:94480 85270 / 90192 49525 / 93412 31251
Bengaluru Date: 10.02.2024

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O. A. No. 897/ 2021

BETWEEN : BANK OF BARODA,
Cox Town Branch **...Applicant**
AND : M/s Mahaveer Drug House and others **...Defendants**

Summons issued under Rule 23(Viii) of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted as application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 51,78,336.44/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Forty Four Only)** together with current & future interest and other reliefs. The above defendants is therefore, hereby directed to appear to before the Tribunal in person or through and advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date publication on **16.04.2024 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not granted.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 19.01.2024.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL,
Ass't. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

To: M/s Mahaveer Drug House,
No. 45/1, 4th Cross, W.H. Hanumanthappa Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.
Represented by its present Proprietor Mr. Naveen Ashok Chordia.
2) Mr. Naveen Ashok Chordia,
S/o Late Ashok Kumar Chordia
3) Smt. Anila Chordia,
W/o Late Ashok Kumar Chordia,
Defendant No. 2 & 3 are R/at No. 45/1, 4th Cross, Gandhinagar, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Also at: Evershine Apartment, No. 21/2, 7th Cross, Maruthi Sevanagar, Bengaluru-560033.

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ARMY CHIEF FOR UNIFIED GOVT AS POLLS THROW UP HUNG PAK HOUSE

General Asim Munir on Saturday called for a unified government as the country appeared to be heading towards a hung Parliament

IMRAN-BACKED INDEPENDENTS TOP THE TABLE

Of the 255 seats for which results were available, independents supported by Imran Khan won 101, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz 73, Pakistan Peoples Party 54 and the rest to smaller parties. Amid allegations of poll irregularities, the US and the EU demanded a probe. But analyst Michael Kugelman called the statements mild given the 'great scale of rigging'

SHEHBAZ SPEAKS TO ZARDARI, BILAWAL

- PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif's brother Shehbaz is reported to have met PPP leader Asif Ali Zardari and his son Bilawal Bhutto. Later, Shehbaz spoke with MQM-P convenor Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui
- Before the general election, the MQM-P had pledged its support to the PML-N and said it wanted Nawaz Sharif as prime minister | P12

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MINIMUM SEATS NEEDED BY A PARTY OR COALITION TO FORM NEW GOVT

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Last 5 yrs saw India reform, perform and transform : PM

'Ram temple resolution will give strength to next gen'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

DELIVERING his speech on the last day of the 17th Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the last five years saw the nation reform, perform and transform and move towards "big changes" at a fast pace.

Highlighting the achievements of his government, Modi said long awaited decisions were taken during his tenure such as the repeal of Article 370, the passage of women's reservation bill, new criminal laws and the banning of Triple Talaq.

"During this Lok Sabha's term, several decisions for which many generations waited for long were taken. I feel that those who drafted the Constitution would bless us for this," Modi said, adding that game-changing reforms laid the foundation of a strong India.

Speaking about the discussion on the Ram temple's construction in the Lok Sabha and the House's adoption of a laudatory resolution, the PM said it will give constitutional strength to the future generations to feel proud of the country's values. Both Houses passed a resolution terming the construction of the Ram Temple as ushering in a "new era of governance and public welfare".

Targeting the Opposition, he said, "It is true that not everyone has the capacity for these things. Some people are brave to face it while others run away from the battlefield. But posterity will remember the speeches made today as having sensitivity, resolve and sympathy."

For generations, people dreamt of one having just Constitution, he said, adding this House made it possible by removing Article 370 that gave special rights. "People in J&K were deprived of justice. By abrogating Article 370, we provided them justice." said Modi.

"We can say with satisfaction that the work for which many generations waited for centuries was accomplished in the 17th Lok Sabha," he added.

Next 25 yrs crucial

The next 25 years are crucial for the nation, the PM said, adding that the nation has taken the resolve to achieve its dreams. The transgender community, which felt disrespected, has been given an identity, he said

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Lok Sabha on Saturday | PTI

RJD's Tejashwi Yadav leaves after an alliance meet in Patna on Saturday | PTI

Oppn shepherded to Tejashwi's residence

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE air in Patna was loaded with intrigue on Saturday ahead of the floor test in the legislative assembly on Monday — necessitated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar jumping ship from the grand alliance and joining the NDA.

On a day when five JD(U) legislators failed to show up at a luncheon hosted by a senior minister, the RJD shepherded all Opposition MLAs to former deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav's official residence. It was reminiscent of resort politics to avoid horse-trading. The Opposition lawmakers were not even allowed to make or take phone calls, and were asked to stay on at Tejashwi's house till the floor test is through.

As for the JD(U), it issued a whip to all its MLAs to take part in the floor test. Minister Shrawan Kumar, who is also the JD(U)'s chief whip, warned that those defying the whip would lose their membership. Curiously, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar spent just 15 minutes at Shrawan Kumar's residence where the lunch was hosted.

JD(U) has 45 MLAs in the assembly. Five of them — Sanjeev, Bima Bharti, Shalini Mishra, Sudarshan and Dilip Rai — gave the lunch a miss. But they assured senior leaders on the phone that they would participate in the legislature party meeting at the house of Education Minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary on Sunday.

The decision to keep the lawmakers together was made after a meeting of the Opposition alliance's legislature party in the presence of RJD chief Lalu Yadav.

DIDN'T START IT, BUT WILL FINISH THE GAME: RJD

RJD MP Manoj Jha said legislators of the RJD and other constituents of the grand alliance expressed their willingness to stay together for the next 48 hours. "All legislators are staying together, entertaining themselves and discussing politics. We had not started the game, but we will finish it," he remarked, referring to Nitish's defection. BJP leader Nikhil Anand claimed that a few MLAs of the RJD were uncomfortable, so the party was making all its legislators hostage

Forest dept to reclaim 7,500 acres land given on long lease

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

THE Forest Department will reclaim 7,500 acres of land in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts that had been leased out to coffee and rubber growers and top industrialists before Independence, said Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre here on Saturday.

"The forest land had been given on a 99-year lease. Though the lease period has expired, the leaseholders have not returned the land to the government. PCCF BP Ravi, who was serving as chief conservator of forests in Chamarajanagar district, had issued notices to these leaseholders to return the land, citing expiry of the lease period. Instead of returning the land, the leaseholders approached the High Court and Supreme Court and brought a stay to the order, claiming that the lease was for 999 years and not 99 years," he said.

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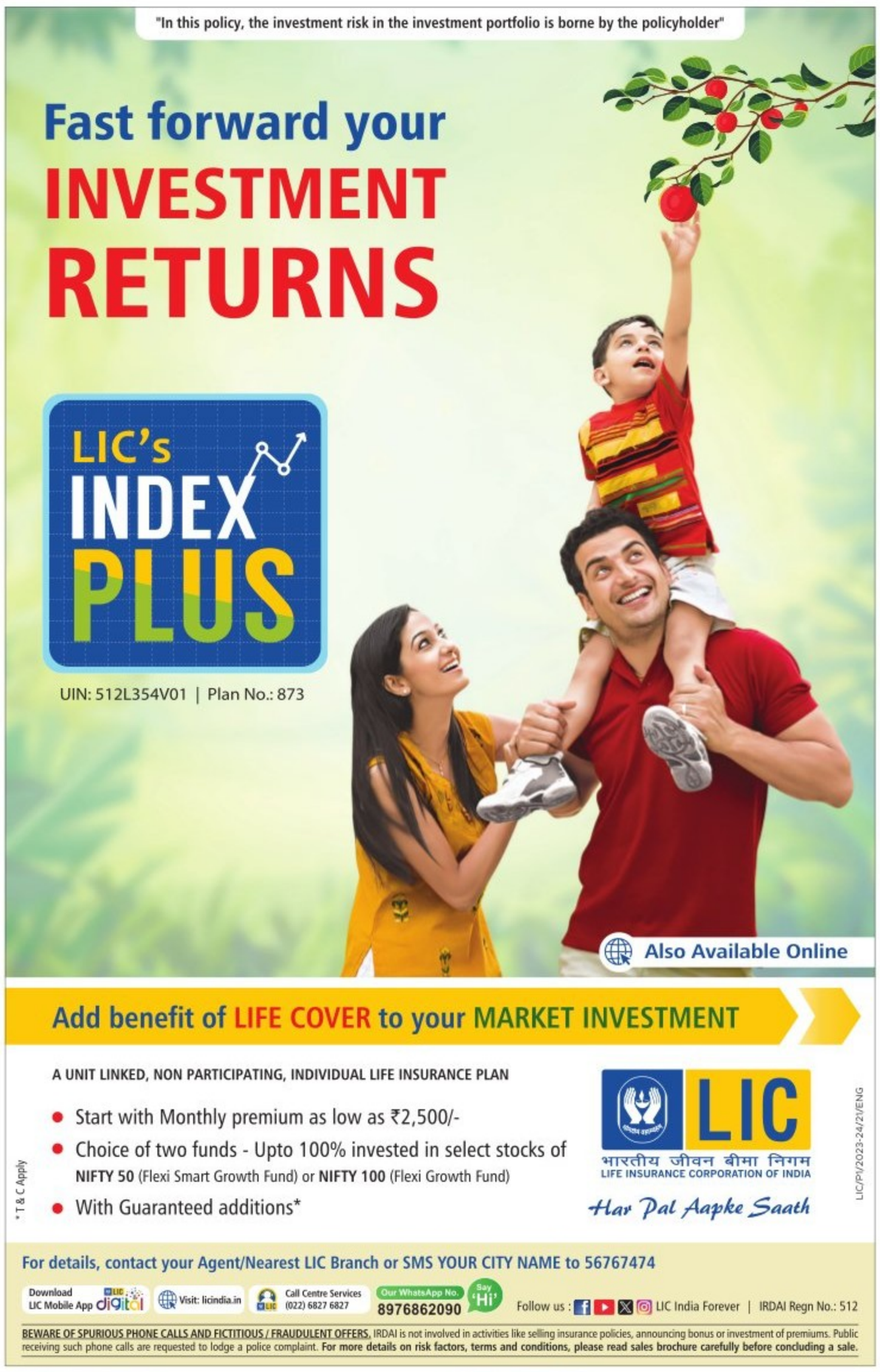
EXPRESS READ

AAP will contest all seats in Punjab

NEW DELHI: AAP on Saturday emphasised that it was firmly with the I.N.D.I.A bloc, even as it defended the move to go it alone in Punjab. AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal announced that his party will declare its candidates for all 13 Lok Sabha seats in the state and the lone Chandigarh seat soon | P10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COVID-19 AWARENESS

Many Shirol residents started teaching yoga online for free to friends and relatives during the first and second waves of Covid-19. The resident teachers, who had mobiles, used to perform asanas and share videos of them among their near and dear ones. This helped the recipients of these online lessons, mentally and physically, during the grim period.

A high school girl from Shirol performs Yoga as part of a competition at an annual fair in the village

GADAG'S YOGAGRAMA

For over 30 years, Shirol has nurtured yoga among its inhabitants, who have taken the secrets of the ancient tradition global

Basavaraj Konnur from Shirol teaches Aqua Yoga in Vietnam

Health with rotti with yoga

Shirol is also famous for its jolada rotti. The village plays host to an annual mega rotti fair, during which a state-level yoga competition, attended by internationally-renowned yoga teachers and practitioners, is also organised

BASAVARAJ KONNUR

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

SHIROL, a village situated 52 km from Gadag town, has a strong inclination towards fitness, and an even stronger tryst with tradition. This quaint settlement of 10,000, located in the Naragund taluk, has given rise to generations of yoga practitioners, who have contributed to the spread of the ancient discipline way beyond its lush boundaries.

Each morning, Shirol wakes up to the asanas of its yoga masters. Earning the grand name of 'Yogagrama', there are scores of residents who perform yoga here, and about 30 of them have gained prominence and expertise in the field internationally, taking its many techniques and teachings to different parts of the country and the world.

Shirol is a small village, but the acumen and awareness of its populace in yoga is impressive. There is, however, an inspiring story behind it. An eminent yoga teacher of Gadag, KS Palled, used to visit Shirol regularly and teach yoga to enthusiastic students on the outskirts of the village. In 1984, Rudrappa, a cowherd, began attending free yoga sessions conducted by Palled. Later, Rudrappa gathered some children from the village and started imparting yoga lessons to them. Even the seer of the Yachchareshwara Mutt, Abhinava Yachchareshwara Swami, started practising yoga at an early age, and taught several children in the 1990s. Those who learnt yoga in this way, continued their learning and also further taught their own children, and in this way, the yogic tradition and practice has been preserved in this village for over three decades, granting Shirol its title of Yogagrama.

Other seers from the region and village elders have also significantly contributed to the spread of yoga. Today, even the children and youth from the surrounding hamlets visit Shirol to learn yoga, and teach others. Some have also gone overseas, carrying the message of yoga and its benefits. Basavaraj Konnur, a Shirol resident, now teaches yoga abroad. He is a leading yoga practitioner, who has even got his name inscribed in the Guinness Book of World Records, for his rare feat of performing 'Shalabhasana' for more than two minutes. This intricate yoga asana is also called the 'locust pose', since it is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Salabha', meaning grasshopper. It is one of the 32 asanas for bending the spine and strengthening back muscles and internal organs. Konnur set the record during a yoga festival in Mohali, Punjab, on June 18, 2018, under the aegis of a World Yoga Alliance-sponsored programme.

"I have been teaching yoga in Vietnam, the US, Thailand, and other countries. While all the children and youth in our village are interested in yoga, many are very good at it. Now, people from even the neighbouring villages and towns are making a beeline to Shirol to learn yoga. Recently, we have organised a state-level yoga competition, through which we plan to encourage more people to come, learn and spread the word of yoga in Gadag and beyond," Konnur says.

Accordingly, the yoga revolution that was planted here three decades ago, has inspired many residents to embrace a life of fitness, while also helping over 50 youngsters to take up teaching yoga as a profession.

Three decades and young

Over 30 years ago, yoga was a new pursuit for the people of Shirol. It was a unique experience, especially for the rural children, back then to even know what yoga was, let alone perform the different asanas. Many children persevered and learnt the practice and even Rudrappa, who has since passed away, guided them in teaching yoga in at least 10-15 villages. The idea was well-received, turning Shirol into the yoga hub that it is today.

"We are proud of our 'Yogagrama' tag. Our elders, women and children perform complex asanas, while many constantly travel to impart lessons. There are some who have students online," Prakashgouda Tirakanagoudar, a village resident, informs.

"Yoga is the best way to maintain one's health, and is an apt routine to kickstart the day. We also carry out various programmes to encourage more youngsters to take the path of yoga," concludes Abhinava Yachchareshwara Swami.

The revival of three open wells (bawadis) in Vijayapura has, to some extent, solved water challenges faced by thousands of residents; Kaisar Inamdar, the man behind the project, aims to do more...

Reviving bawadis – A 'well'come initiative

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

THE proverb 'old is gold' often reminds us of the achievements of the bygone era – some even thousands of years into the past. Inspiring structures built by our ancestors stand tall even today, helping mankind the same way they did when they were constructed.

And bawadis or open wells of Vijayapura in North Karnataka are one such awe-inspiring structures whose revival has changed thousands of lives.

Till a year ago, Sumangala Katti from Khaja Nagar of Vijayapura was among hundreds of residents frustrated with the city corporation for releasing water once every 10 days. But with the revival of Sandal Bawadi — built during the Adil Shahi era (1490-1686), over a thousand houses are now getting water almost every day. The open well that remained filthy and unused for decades has become an endless source of water as residents get tap water from the bawadi at least two hours daily.

About a quarter km away, Tehmeena Bagwan, a resident of Sakaf Roza area, gets water supplied from another open well. Though small compared to the giant Sandal Bawadi, this well has been supplying water to the residents for over 15 years.

While two open wells of Sakaf Roza were revived in 2008, Sandal Bawadi was revived about a year ago.

Nisar Ahmed, the waterman appointed by the Water and Sewerage Board to release water from the wells, said, "These three open wells are working efficiently and have solved the water crisis here."

Man behind the initiative

These three wells supply water to over 3,000 houses in Ward No. 28 of Viajayapura. "While we are supplying water from Sandal Bawadi close to 1,000 houses, it has the potential to cater to at least 2,000 more houses as it is a huge 75x75 feet open well. We have installed two 10 HP pumps to draw water," said Kaisar Inamdar, 54, the man behind reviving the three wells.

The social activist has taken the lead in reviving ancient and unused open wells of Sakaf Roza and nearby areas which still have seven open wells yet to be revived.

Inamdar and his team spearheaded the work of reviving the two open wells at Sakaf Roza in 2008. "Our locality was constantly facing a water shortage. We came to know about two open wells located in a private property that were not in use for decades. We convinced the owners to allow us to revive the wells. It was a gamble, but it paid off," he said.

Reviving these open wells, filled with filth and garbage, was a formidable task, particularly one well that had filthy mud and heaps of garbage around it. Accessing the narrow well required manual labour, as machinery couldn't navigate through the confined space, Inamdar explained. "Only two persons could enter to clear the well. It took nearly three months to remove the filth and allow fresh water to collect," he added.

Following the successful cleaning of both wells, municipal authorities were approached to install submersible pumps and to lay the pipeline throughout the ward. Approximately 500 public taps were installed, providing water to nearly 2,000 households. "It has been over a decade, and these two wells have never gone dry," Inamdar said.

The next challenge

Fifteen years after his first successful initiative, Inamdar took up the challenge of reviving the much bigger Sandal Bawadi in 2023. Unlike the two smaller wells which have no steps to enter and have narrow openings, Sandal Bawadi is much bigger. With the help from volunteers, garbage dumped in the well for decades was removed. "We have not only cleaned Sandal Bawadi, but covered the surroundings with tin sheets and installed a gate to prevent people from dumping garbage," he said. They now plan to install at least three more 10 HP pumps with the help of Vijayapura City Corporation and Water and Drainage Board to augment the water supply.

"Sandal Bawadi alone can supply water to at least 5,000 houses. Efforts are being made to install more pumps and draw pipelines. We have requested the authorities to construct an overhead tank and set up a water treatment plant," Inamdar said.

He said ancient wells across Vijayapura should be revived as they have the potential to significantly alleviate the persistent drinking water problem here. "Ward No. 28 has at least seven ancient open wells. If revived, they can supply water to at least two more wards. Besides, Vijayapura has hundreds of such open wells which have the potential to supply water to a significant population. At some places where one doesn't get water even after drilling borewells for over 200 ft, these ancient open wells still have perennial water sources. They are just 15 to 20 ft deep," he said.

Inamdar believes that instead of investing large sums on bigger projects, these ancient wells should be revived to solve the city's drinking water problem significantly.

Kaisar Inamdar

Rail Board okays auto signalling project in city

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The Railway Board has greenlit six projects aimed at implementing an Automatic Signalling System across Bengaluru, encompassing a combined distance of 639.5 kilometres. These projects entail upgrading signalling infrastructure in various sections, including Bangalore City - Yeshwanthpur - Yelahanka, Yeshwanthpur - Arasikere, Lottegollahalli - Hosur, Whitefield - Jolarpet, Baiyyappanahalli - Penukonda via Channasandra, and Bangalore City - Mysuru.

With a total cost allocation of Rs 874.12 crore, this upgrade will facilitate the smoother operation of additional trains at shorter intervals, effectively meeting the escalating needs of commuters and freight transport while stimulating economic growth in the region.

The project implementation includes fixed assets like platforms by ensuring clearance of coaching trains from stations, leading to enhanced efficiency.

Additionally, this will improve the average speed of trains.

CMR VARSITY OPENS NEW PAVILION

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CMR University, Bengaluru on Sunday inaugurated the Player's Pavilion block at the CMRU cricket stadium. It is designed by the globally acclaimed architect Sanjay Mohe who is known for his unparalleled expertise in blending functionality, comfort, and aesthetics. The CMRU Cricket Stadium is a testament to architectural brilliance. The stadium envisions to become one of the premier cricketing venues in the city to host matches at both national and international levels.

Raghuram Bhat A, president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) and Former Indian Test Cricketer encouraged players to play commitment. He offered CMRU his support and assistance and promised to engage with BCCI to facilitate national and international level matches on the ground. He also highlighted that there is a huge shortage of cricket grounds in Bengaluru and this facility will be a boon for the community.

A book on Murtys, 50 years in making

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Author Chitra Divakaruni, best known for her works like 'Forest of Enchantments' and 'Palace of Illusions', penned a love story of some of the most coveted personalities of India — Narayana and Sudha Murty. On Saturday, Divakaruni and the Murthys launched the book in honour of the couple's 46th wedding anniversary at St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) auditorium. Despite the weekend and multiple technical difficulties at the launch, friends and fans of the speakers came out in large numbers to hear this uncommon story.

Titled 'An Uncommon Love,' Divakaruni talks about the journey of the couple from the day they were introduced to each other about 50 years ago to significant moments in the lives of the two young personalities in love that made them who they are today. Incidentally, the couple first got to know each other through their love for books. "I am an avid reader. Prasanna, a friend and roommate of Narayana Murthy, told me about the book collection that Murthy had. I asked the name of some of the authors he read and he mentioned Jerome K Jerome, that made me want to meet him," recalled Sudha Murty at the book launch.

Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy, with wife Sudha Murty, daughter Akshata Sunak and son Rohan Murthy during the launch of 'An Uncommon Love', authored by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Divakaruni said that when the couple sat down, recalling their lived experiences together, some interesting snippets were also mentioned. It was clear from their conversations that they were adventurous, which eventually led them to establish Infosys.

Interesting facts such as how Sudha travelled to the US for three months on her own when Narayana Murthy was busy working, were shared with the listeners. The author said, "Sudha went around with curd rice in her backpack", which the book details. The couple in their younger days also individually had run-ins with the police, and their wedding, a small ceremony, cost just Rs 800 at the time. Other facts such as how Narayana Murthy threw stones at Sudha's hostel, the times they rented a bike and more threw a light on the Murthys' adventurous escapades. The Infosys cofounder also spoke about the long hours spent dealing with the bureaucracy to receive permissions which at times affected his family time. Sudha added that she will always be thankful to her daughter Akshata who pushed her to do social work. "I was sleeping and she woke me up," she added, smiling.

Divakaruni's 22nd book is one that mixes a bit of humour and heart around Murthys. "Writing An Uncommon Love has been an enchanting journey. The Murthys shared their story and laughter, making this book a celebration of love."

Pro-Hindu activists and parents staged a protest in front of St Gerosa School in Mangaluru on Saturday after a viral audio accused one of the teachers of making derogatory remarks against Ram Temple. In the audio, a woman who claims to be a parent of a student studying in the school, accuses the teacher who is a Catholic nun, of portraying the Hindu religion and its gods in poor light and also making disparaging remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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7 arrested over electrocution of 10-year-old

Flat owners' association president among booked; apartment residents protest against alleged negligence

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THE Varthur police, investigating the electrocution of 10-year-old Manya Damerla in the swimming pool area of Prestige Lakeside Habitat, off Varthur-Gunjur Road, have arrested seven persons, including the president of the flat owners' association. It may be recalled that Manya was reportedly electrocuted, when she came in contact with a live wire in the swimming pool area, between 7.40 pm and 7.50 pm on December 28 last year. She was immediately rushed to hospital, where she was declared brought dead.

Manya's father Rajesh Kumar Damerla, Founder Director and CEO of DLK Megamart Private Limited, had filed a complaint, seeking action against the concerned. The Varthur police have registered a case of culpable homicide, not amounting to murder, under Section 304 of the IPC against the seven accused.

"Our investigation reveals that the apartment complex maintenance personnel and the electricity vendors were aware of the faulty electric work in the pool area. The seven accused were arrested on Friday evening and remanded to judicial custody. Besides the president of the flat owners' association, the others who are arrested are those in charge of swimming pool maintenance, electricity vendors and procurement management services," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield) Shivakumar Gunare said.

The accused are identified as Debashish Sinha, the president of the flat owners' association, and Javed Safiq Rao, Santosh Maharana, Bikas Kumar Forida, Bhaktha Charan Pradhan, Suresh Sambandan, and Govind Mandal.

Manya was studying at an international school near Dommasandra on Varthur Road. Her mother, Vinay Yepuri, is the Director of DLK Megamart Private Limited. The family resides in Tower-17 of the complex. Manya is the only daughter of the Damerla couple, who belong to Andhra Pradesh.

The girl had come down alone to play. The lift's CCTV footage showed Manya coming down from her flat by the lift at 7.29 pm. Around 7.45 pm, she was found in the pool. By 7.55 pm, she was rushed to hospital. However, there was no CCTV near the place where the incident occurred.

After the death of his daughter, Rajesh had said that she fell inside the pool due to the electric shock. Alleging negligence on the part of those looking after the maintenance, apartment residents staged a protest.

HC to govt: Pass norms to issue OCs

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ADMONISHING authorities for issuing occupancy certificates (OCs) recklessly by being hand-in-glove with developers in many cases without adhering to the law, the High Court directed the state government to issue guidelines to Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and Urban Development departments, empowered to grant the OC.

The guidelines should indicate that erring officers will have to face inquiry or criminal cases for issuing OCs contrary to law, it said. "The authorities shall inspect the property, satisfy themselves whether OC can be issued in terms of law, and only then issue such OC, failing which officers who handle such files would be solely responsible and accountable for the issuance of illegal OCs," it said.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order, while dismissing a petition filed by Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt Ltd. He also declared that 'Serene Urbana', a project of the petitioner, was an 'ongoing project' as on July 10, 2017, the date on which the Rules came into force directing it to register before the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA).

It said the petitioner projected that the project is not ongoing which is a suppression of facts. The records demonstrated that the petitioner played fraud with the Kannamangala Gram Panchayat in securing OC.

The petitioner moved the court questioning the order dated July 5, 2023, passed by the K-RERA, rejecting its application against the complaint registered by the Serene Urbana Apartment Owners' Welfare Association for delay in handing over homes, developed for the retired in Devanahalli taluk.

The project, which started in 2013, was to be completed in 2017. Even before completion, the Gram Panchayat issued the OC and the Association filed a complaint with K-RERA, claiming relief. The petitioner filed an application contending that it need not register the project before K-RERA, which was rejected.

Referring to the plight of retired people who have invested money in the project and home buyers in general, the court said the developers are dodging home buyers as could be gathered from the mushrooming of cases before K-RERA and this court.

The developers should bear in mind, particularly those projects which involve retirement homes or homes for senior citizens, that they should not make these citizens run from pillar to post to secure accommodation after having paid a substantial amount. It is necessary to bear in mind that 'retired people should not be made to re-tire themselves', the court said.

Traffic to be allowed in Cubbon on all Saturdays

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THE Horticulture Department, in an order on February 8, has permitted vehicular movement inside Cubbon Park on second and fourth Saturdays on a trial basis for three months. Previously, traffic was prohibited on these days. While the city traffic police view this as a solution, citizens expressed outrage at the decision's unilateral nature, advocating for a vehicle-free park.

"To ensure public convenience and facilitate smooth traffic flow, vehicles will be permitted to enter Cubbon Park from the High Court to Siddalingaiah Circle and vice versa on the second and fourth Saturdays, as a trial measure for three months," the order stated.

During a meeting convened on January 24 by the Chief Secretary, MN Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), suggested that permitting traffic within Cubbon Park would alleviate congestion on surrounding roads, as there is sufficient space within the park for vehicular movement, the order said. Priya Chetty Rajgopal, founder, Heritage Beku, a citizens group that aims to preserve Bengaluru's culture and heritage said, "Cubbon Park serves as a vital lung space within the city. While Lalbagh, another comparable green area, can operate without vehicular traffic, why can't Cubbon Park enjoy the same privilege?"

With officials focus on promoting 'Brand Bengaluru', prioritising vehicles over citizens contradicts the very essence of this concept as this decision has been made without consulting the citizens, she added. Divye Karde, a member of Bengaluru Skaters, said "Cubbon Park remains the sole place in the city where urban skating, serving as an eco-friendly mode of transport, thrives." While the park has an existing prohibition on photography and camera usage, this new order is controversial and poses an even graver threat, potentially jeopardising the park's air quality and delicate ecosystem, he added.

BLOATED BULBS

As garlic prices soar, a seller waits for customers at his shop at APMC yard, Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

15 schoolkids hurt after bus overturns

Mysuru: As many as 15 schoolchildren were injured after the school bus in which they were travelling rammed into a truck at Saligrama village in KR Nagar on Saturday. The police said the incident took place near Saligrama-Bairya highway. The bus belonging to CET School in Mirle village was ferrying students from Kurubarahalli to Mirle when the truck travelling from Bairya towards Mirle hit the vehicle. As the school bus overturned, the children suffered injuries. The children were rushed to the Saligrama Community Health Centre. Saligrama police have registered a case and are investigating.

Four on the run after trying to loot jeweller

Bengaluru: Four miscreants threatened a jeweller at gunpoint at his jewellery shop in Madanayakanahalli. When the victim, identified as Vishnu, locked himself in a cabin, the accused fled without taking anything with them, despite the absence of anybody else at the place at that time. The incident occurred on Wednesday at Arihant Jewellers in Thotada Guddadahalli. The accused entered the shop in the guise of customers. Of the four, two entered first, followed by the rest a few minutes later. One of them pulled out a gun and brandished it at Vishnu, who managed to escape the clutches of the accused, and locked himself inside the cabin. As they were unable to open the door, the accused went away empty-handed.

Treat sewage water before filling tanks: Farmers

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ACTIVISTS for water-related causes and farmer leaders met Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and appealed to him to direct Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Urban Development Department and Minor Irrigation Department to ensure tertiary treatment of sewage water, before filling up minor irrigation tanks in Kolar, Chikkaballapur and Bengaluru Urban districts.

Activist Anjenaya Reddy from Shashwata Neeravari Horata Samiti said the farmers of Kolar and Chikkaballapur will soon term Siddaramaiah as "Poison Ramaiah", as the water from the BWSSB has allegedly polluted water bodies and groundwater, affecting the health of locals. After handing over the memorandum to Gehlot, Reddy said, "In its effort to recharge the ground water-table, the state government in 2018 started filling up a few select water tanks by pumping treated drain water from the Hebbal-Nagawara Valley (HN Valley) and Koramangala-Challaghatta Valley (KC Valley) in Bengaluru, to tanks in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, and Bengaluru Rural districts, causing irreversible damage to the lives and health of people and livestock, since the groundwater was poisoned."

The activists added that the erratic sinking of borewells by farmers has made water unfit for drinking, as well as for irrigation. "There is a presence of fluorides and nitrates, traces of uranium and arsenic particles that could permanently disable people and livestock, besides poisoning the crops," stated Reddy. It is in this backdrop, activists sought the governor's intervention in directing the CM and ministers to ensure that funds are allocated to set up STPs with tertiary treatment facilities on a priority basis to aid these districts.

Four-day liquor ban to cost state Rs 300 crore

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

BENGALURU City District Liquor Traders Association (BCDLTA) has written to the election officials that the 4-day liquor ban is going to cause huge losses for the industry and excise duty for the State government.

The organisation added that the ban falls on Valentine's Day during which sales are expected to go up exponentially. However, this is dependent on Bengaluru's huge young crowd that visits restaurants and pubs frequently on this day, thus increasing revenue by 50 per cent. Around 3,700 establishments will be affected in Bengaluru.

The letter stated that four dry days will incur a loss of Rs 300 crores for the state in terms of excise duty and businesses will face a loss of Rs 500 crore. They requested the government and the election commission to re-examine the unfair closure of bars and liquor shops. "There are only 16,000 voters and they are all educated and intelligent people. The authorities must take appropriate decisions and cooperate for the survival of the Food and Beverage (F&B) industry," the letter stated.

PC Rao, president Of Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers Association told *TNSE* that the ban is unscientific and was unexpected. Many restaurants have curated and planned events for their patronage which will affect businesses. "The turnover for just four days is expected to be Rs 450 crores, out of which the excise department has Rs 250 crores, not just the hoteliers but even the government will incur heavy losses. According to data, the government collects Rs 60 crore in excise collection per day," he said asserting that the industry is not pleased.

HIT-AND-RUN CASE

Woman killed 50m away from home

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A 62-year-old woman died on the spot in a hit-and-run incident on Mahalakshmi Layout Road, under the Mahalakshmi Metro station, around 5.45 am on Saturday. The incident occurred just 50 metres from her house. The woman, identified as PS Asha Rani, was a resident of Mahalakshmipuram. She was crossing the road to get to the bus stop, to travel to Srirangapatna for the last rites of a relative, at the time of the accident.

After the mishap, the victim is said to have called her daughter, asking her for help, but by the time the latter arrived, the victim had breathed her last on the road. It is learnt that the victim could not find any help due to less movement of the public and motorists in those early hours. Asha was staying with her daughter and son-in-law. She wanted to board a bus at the Mahalakshmipuram bus stand.

The police shifted the victim to a private hospital nearby, where she was declared brought dead. "Asha was alone at the time of the accident. She has been run over by a car and efforts are on to trace the vehicle and its driver. She was staying at her daughter's house, which is just 50 metres away from the accident spot," DCP (Traffic North) Siri Gowri said.

NIMHANS receives WHO Nelson Mandela award

Bengaluru: The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) has been honoured with the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Friday. The award, initiated by the WHO in 2019, acknowledges outstanding contributions to health promotion by individuals, institutions, and governmental or non-governmental organizations. Dr Pratima Murthy, Director of NIMHANS, expressing profound pride in receiving the esteemed Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion at this juncture of the institution's journey, said, "This recognition not only celebrates the institution's past achievements but also validates the enduring legacy and vision that has guided NIMHANS since its inception."

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Promising to take the demands of farmers seriously, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the state government will amend the "anti-farmer" Land Reforms Act, 2020, enacted by the BJP government at the Centre

'COFFEE DRINKING ON THE RISE AMONG YOUNGER GENERATION'

COFFEE opportunities in India are very high. Despite the high price, Indian coffee is most preferred globally. The increasing number of cafes and coffee joints show that coffee is no longer a beverage, but an experience. Cafes have transformed into work stations for startups and this is good for the Indian economy, said **Dr KJ Jagadeesha**, CEO and Secretary, Coffee Board, in a conversation with the editors and staff of *The New Sunday Express*. Excerpts of the interview:

Tell us about the coffee scenario and the pricing concerns ....
Coffee in India is doing well, especially over the last three years, but we are not the price setters. Reason being, India's overall contribution is around 4%. Brazil and Vietnam contribute 60% of the global production, and they set the price. But in the last few years there is supply disruption in Brazil and there is a shortage in supply globally. So, we are happy as Indian coffee is getting a good price. India is the 7th largest in terms of production and 5th largest in exports.

Can you please explain about exports?
Our exports are better than our production. We export, re-import and export all our coffee. Most of the instant coffee is made from coffee imported from cheaper destinations. Not a single Indian coffee bean is left unsold. There is very high demand for Indian coffee that even if we double production, traders say they will sell it. Indian coffees are expensive because they are grown under shade. Unlike in other countries like Brazil where it is open cultivation. When you grow under shade, coffee production is less by around 50%. But the quality is very good. This coffee takes longer to mature and has some unique characteristics that are not present in other coffee.

How is the coffee export business?
Around 80-90% of coffee is exported as green coffee. Green coffee can be kept for a year and usually, roasted coffee lasts only 15 days. Beyond that, the quality comes down. We export green coffee and then the seller blends it with different beans to get different notes. We export to 120 countries. Europe is our biggest market. We export about 60% of coffee grown here.

What about the rising number of private, instant and star-rated cafés and types of coffees served?
I am happy they are increasing. There is a lot of opportunity for coffee in India, because we have a very low coffee-drinking base. In other countries, people drink 8-9 kg of coffee per annum, per capita, but we are 50-100 grams. People who are getting into coffee now are the new generation who feel coffee is the most affectionate and fashionable drink. They love to drink coffee even if it's high priced. They drink coffee for the experience. Ambience should be great and products should be innovative. They don't like drinking the same coffee every day. Cafes now have become work spaces where people exchange ideas and conduct business. Many start-ups are running their businesses or whole companies from these cafes. This is how we expect and want the coffee industry to grow. Growers will get better prices, employment will be generated and GDP will get a boost.

How does coffee compete with tea?
Tea and coffee are complementary beverages, not competitors. Consumers typically don't switch between them. Coffee consumption, especially among the younger generation, is on the rise. Tea remains affordable and easy to make, while making quality coffee requires skill. Many aren't aware that if coffee is boiled above 90 degrees Celsius, it's a waste. In future, skill-based courses will be introduced for over one lakh self-help women's groups, and also 5,000 college graduates will be trained.

What is the situation in Karnataka?
Karnataka is a leader in Indian coffee production, accounting for around 70%, though we have 50% of the area. In the last 3-5 years, the crop has been reasonably good and prices too.

Hasn't climate change affected coffee production?
It has, as coffee is a sensitive crop. Even if there is a 15-day delay in rainfall, during March and April, the crop gets affected to a large extent. Climate change is something that needs to be taken seriously and addressed. The Coffee Board has taken several measures to address it like bringing some climate-resilient varieties, training farmers and providing incentives.

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Did drought affect coffee plantations?
Drought effect was relatively low. The reason is that even if there is a 50% reduction in rainfall, coffee will still grow. The yield might be less, but 800-900 mm of rainfall is enough for the plantation and the impact has been minimal.

Which is the best variety of coffee?
While there are many varieties, one of the best is Chandragiri. Farmers also say that it is superior compared to any other variety across the globe. The yield is good and it is resistant to most of the rust viruses. The cupping quality is very good.

What about collaborative research?
Research should not be restricted to scientists and labs. It should be a joint effort between growers and scientists. Work on this started 2-3 years ago and we have identified elite robusta plants. Growers and scientists together shortlisted around 60-70 of them and found 8-10 varieties promising. They will be released as tissue culture and MoUs are being signed.

How many varieties do we have?
Right now eight have been developed in collaboration with farmers. Otherwise coffee has many varieties. Some 28 varieties have been given to us by private firms. There are cases where a variety does well in other countries, but not in India.

Do we have more varieties when compared to other countries?
Brazil may have more varieties than us. Other than Brazil, we have more. It does not mean anything. Farmers prefer the leading variety. We have also kept some varieties for cupping. If somebody says that I want quality and I am not worried about production then we have Selection 5 and 9 varieties. These two are excellent in cupping and taste.

What are the proposals before the Coffee Board in the coming days?
We have developed a new plan and it has been submitted to the government. It includes many things. To address labour shortage there is a plan for mechanisation. Second is quality improvement. Many say Indian coffee is excellent on the plant. But after harvesting, since it is poorly handled, quality dips. Importance is being given to harvesting and storing. Fermentation is important. It is done using different techniques to get different aromas. We are also looking at franchising India Coffee Houses to rural areas.

Are you also planning to add more coffee varieties to India Coffee Houses to compete with private players?
Coffee Board is a nodal agency to promote coffee as a sector. India Coffee Houses are not meant for competing. Given that there are a lot of nostalgic memories about them and people love to come there, we are working on expanding the menu. At the Queen's Road Coffee House, the Board has collaborated with a social organisation that deals with specially-abled people. We complement each other.

How do people perceive the addition of chicory in coffee, considering its potential health implications?
The debate around chicory's health impact exists. Chicory was brought in during the Second World War to meet the rising demand among soldiers when production was less. It continues to be blended even now. However, coffee has various health benefits. It's beneficial for the heart and kidney, apart from being a refreshment. When chicory is mixed, the benefits of coffee get diluted.

How has urbanisation impacted coffee production?
Urbanisation is affecting everything, but its effect on coffee production is relatively limited due to the remote locations where coffee is typically grown.

How is the Board addressing man-elephant conflict?
It poses a significant challenge in coffee-growing regions, causing fear among residents and reluctance among labourers. The Board is actively engaging with the forest department and other authorities to address these issues.

Are there any courses being offered by the Board related to coffee for graduates?
We offer postgraduate diploma programmes and short courses focused on coffee, covering topics including cafe management and coffee trading.

What are the byproducts derived from coffee beans?
The use of coffee beans in the cosmetic industry is increasing. The leaf and pulp are used for skincare and makeup products. The leftover coffee after brewing is also used in making byproducts.

How many farmers are involved in the coffee industry, and is this number expected to increase?
There are about 4.7 lakh farmers working currently in India and it will increase in the coming years.

Are coffee plantations primarily done by small-scale farmers, or is there a monopoly in the industry?
It is a myth that coffee plantations are managed by affluent farmers. The reality is that 99% of the plantations are managed by small-scale farmers. Only around 1% of farmers are considered large growers but they occupy around 30% of the land.

What do you say about coffee tours gaining popularity?
Coffee tourism is gaining traction, providing coffee growers with an additional source of income. However, it's crucial for both tourists and growers to responsibly manage activities to ensure minimal impact on the ecosystem as regions where coffee is grown are in Western and Eastern Ghats.

What other types of businesses can be done with coffee besides opening a coffee shop?
People can establish their own coffee brand with their estate, offer consultancy services, provide technology solutions such as market information, engage in trading and roasting and explore businesses centered around deriving coffee byproducts.

Coffee Board has also ventured online and started selling, how has that progressed?
Customers came to the Board and requested us to start e-commerce so that they could easily purchase online. Today we have entire operations in the basement which has a roastery, grinder and 24x7 packing staff. As soon as we get an order we pack it and dispatch it. The initiative is doing well.

Does the Board have enough staff or are there too many vacancies?
There are of course limitations to hiring more staff. Currently, we have a vacancy of 50 people with a total sanctioned strength of 587. We are looking to expand in the north eastern regions and we need a lot of people to convince farmers, educate them and handle estates. We are also looking at promotion both in domestic and international events to build the brand value of Indian coffee and its quality.

Can coffee be grown on terrace gardens?
Coffee plants can be grown anywhere, outdoors or inside homes, however, it will not yield commercially viable beans or fruits. Some might have berries too but when you roast it and make a cup of coffee it doesn't taste like coffee. Coffee requires an elevation of more than 500 metres above sea level and secondly, the rainfall has to be good. It also requires optimum shade to grow.

How successful was the coffee festival in terms of partnerships with other players?
We had more than 20-30 international brands who were present, around 200-300 Indian brands participated and around 400-500 buyer-sellers met formally. Strong relations were built that not just last for one year but go on for decades, once the buyer finds the perfect blend for himself there is no going back.

What do you want to say to youngsters who want to start a coffee business?
Coffee is a very passionate profession. I've seen people who make a profit not because they're working for it but it's about passion. They like growing coffee and living on the estate. I have seen Baristas who are passionate about making better coffee every day, they enjoy it.

It's time for 'Siddunomics'; all eyes on pre-LS poll budget

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah holds the record in the state for presenting 14 budgets. Now, all eyes are on his 15th on February 16, which comes weeks before the high-voltage Lok Sabha polls.

After coming to power in May last year, the Congress government immediately announced the implementation of five guarantee schemes, which were rolled out in a phased manner, almost until the end of 2023. In the first year, the administration was mostly focused on guarantee schemes, providing funds for them, and resolving glitches in implementation.

It did well on that front. However, a heavy focus on guarantees also resulted in a perception that development took a backseat due to the paucity of funds. The government was accused of delayed response to drought-hit farmers. Although the CM announced some measures, including Rs 2,000 compensation for drought-hit farmers, it was termed too little and too late.

In the second budget of his second tenure as CM, Siddaramaiah is likely to make all efforts to drive home the point that his government is responsive, not neglecting development, and that there is no dearth of ideas or willingness to take the administration closer to the people. Siddaramaiah had earlier announced that the size of the 2024-25 budget would be around Rs 3.8 lakh crore, up by Rs 50,000 crore, compared to his previous budget.

The CM will focus on further bolstering the feel-good factor generated by the guarantees and giving an impression that the government is more citizen-friendly. The budget is likely to have schemes that will help build the perception and citizen-connect, but without a huge financial burden.

Big response to the CM's Janaspandana programmes showed that he is keen to directly reach out to people to resolve their grievances. He spent several hours, interacting with thousands of people coming from different parts of the state and directed the officials to redress their issues in a time-bound manner.

Although the CMs used to receive petitions from people and pass them on to the departments concerned, the two big 'Janaspandana' programmes, including the one held outside Vidhana Soudha earlier this week, were the first of its kind, well-organized initiatives. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar also held citizen connect programmes in different parts of the state capital.

That is commendable work by the CM and DyCM. But, a big turnout at 'Janaspandana' also shows that the system is not working well. After his first 'Janaspandana' in November last year, the CM himself had stated that if more people come with grievances to his second Janaspandana, it means that the officials are not doing their work. Turnout at the second Janaspandana was much more than the first one. Ironically, despite consistent efforts by some ministers to bring efficiency to their departments, the system still needs to improve a lot.

Also, Contractors Association president D Kempanna's allegations of 40% corruption reflect badly on the Congress government that came to power by amplifying the same association's charges against the previous BJP government and by promising to clean up the system.

While a majority of the citizens have accepted corruption as a fait accompli, it would work well for the government to show some resolve in cleaning up the system and pushing development works.

On the development front, the CM may give a push to infrastructure development in the state capital. After all the talk and buzz generated over taking 'Brand Bengaluru' to the next level, it's time for some concrete action and efforts to address the basic concerns of the citizens.

The big irrigation and drinking water projects, including Mekedatu, need to be taken forward and there is a need to give more emphasis to taking industries to the north Karnataka region to generate employment opportunities.

His budget is also likely to reflect the poll necessities. Congress's victory in Karnataka in 2023 helped to boost the morale of the party leaders in other states and at the Centre. While the Grand Old Party seems to be tottering in many states, especially in North India, and much talked about I.N.D.I.A bloc seems to be imploding, the Congress leadership in the state will certainly make all-out efforts to fight the Modi wave in Karnataka. A reflection of that is likely to be there in the budget as it is being presented as the parties are gearing up for the big battle.

Endowment Minister Ramalinga Reddy has requested the CM to allocate funds for renovating 100 Ram temples in the state. This is seen as Congress's effort to counter BJP's attempts to capitalize on the Ram temple issue in the elections. It would also help blunt BJP's attempts to brand the Siddaramaiah government as anti-Hindu.

As people expect all that and much more from the government, it will be a challenging task for the CM to strike a balance between expectations and certain limitations in which he operates. As a big chunk of funds had to be allocated for the five guarantees, there is limited scope for mobilizing resources, and concern over rising debt.

CM: Cong manifesto will protect federal structure

ENS @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday hinted that the Congress manifesto will have the promise to protect the Constitution and the federal structure, which he felt were under threat under the present government led by PM Narendra Modi.

He also cautioned the AICC manifesto committee headed by former Union minister P Chidambaram that the Modi government has been copying the Congress' guarantees which should be tackled effectively in the Grand Old Party's manifesto.

Siddaramaiah is a member of the AICC manifesto committee. "While attempts are being made to threaten the Constitution, democracy, and the federal system, effective announcements, and programmes will be formulated in the manifesto to prevent these disasters," he said at the AICC manifesto consultation meeting here.

He suggested that the promises to solve the country's problems for which the Congress is committed should be part of the manifesto to gain the confidence of the people.

Shah may discuss coordination panel in today's meet

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

UNION Home Minister **Amit Shah**'s visit to Mysuru on Sunday, where he will take part in the BJP core committee meeting, will be crucial for the BJP-JDS alliance's plans, as he is likely to discuss the conversion of JDS votes in favour of BJP candidates, and vice versa in the four Lok Sabha seats of the old Mysuru region. Setting up a coordination committee to that effect by including leaders from both the parties would be discussed.

Former CMs, the BJP state president, and past president among other senior leaders, will take part in the core committee meeting, wherein Shah may review the progress made in terms of the Centre's flagship programmes, especially the 'Viksit Bharat', according to BJP sources.

Though the BJP has its MPs in Mysuru-Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, the party suffered a drubbing in the Assembly polls. Hence, the probable candidates for these two constituencies would be discussed. In Mysuru-Kodagu, the party has lagged behind in organisation, as it could win only one Assembly seat. Interestingly, the names of the scion of erstwhile Mysuru royal family, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, and the sculptor of Ram Lalla statue installed in Ayodhya, Arun Yogiraj, are making rounds for the LS constituency. "... which is why sitting MP Pratap Simha met the former PM HD Deve Gowda and sought the latter's blessings in order to continue as the BJP-JDS alliance candidate," a BJP leader remarked.

Shah is also likely to attend a meeting of the leaders from Mysuru cluster, including Hassan and Mandya, where JDS is seeking BJP votes to be converted in favour of JDS candidates. The sitting MPs, MLAs and former MLAs will attend the meeting. The political future of Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh would also be decided at the core committee meeting. The JDS is particular about taking the Mandya seat and BJP state president BY Vijayendra on Friday said that a clearer picture will emerge after Shah's meeting.

Meanwhile, speculation is rife whether JDS state chief HD Kumaraswamy would meet Shah. "It is not confirmed officially, but they may meet privately and hold discussions, including on Kumaraswamy contesting the LS polls either from Mandya or Bengaluru Rural, as it will help the BJP-JDS alliance candidates in the neighbouring LS seats," a source said.

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'40%' charge: BJP seeks CM's resignation

BENGALURU: Leader of Opposition R Ashoka on Saturday demanded CM Siddaramaiah's resignation and a CBI probe into the allegations of 40% commission, made by State Contractors Association president D Kempanna, against the state government. Ashoka said the Congress had launched a "PayCM" campaign against the BJP government, based on Kempanna's claims. "Now, Kempanna has made serious allegations against the Congress government. Will they put up PaySiddaramaiah or ATM Siddaramaiah posters," he asked.

Deputy Commissioner T Venkatesh on Friday dismissed Dr Abhishek for using the operation theatre of the government hospital for a pre-wedding shoot. He was appointed as a doctor on a temporary basis under the National Health Mission and was removed from service with immediate effect

BJP to decide on poll alliance in AP soon

TDP chief Naidu's meeting with Amit Shah in Delhi indicates 2014-like tie-up

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@ Vijayawada

BJP will shortly make clear about poll alliances in Andhra Pradesh. Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that they will take a call on the issue soon.

Participating at a programme organised in New Delhi on Saturday, Amit Shah said the BJP "believes in family planning but not in politics", giving an indication that more parties may join the ruling coalition. Recently TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu has met Shah in New Delhi, indicating the possibility of tripartite alliance like in 2014.

The BJP strongman said that friends of NDA were never asked to leave, but they might had left owing to 'circumstances and political equations' in their own states.

Meanwhile, Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan issued a gag order to his party leaders and cadre on the issue of poll alliance. He directed them not to utter a single word on it. Though speculations were that he is likely to meet BJP central leadership to discuss on alliances, party leaders did not confirm the same and said JSP chief will be launching his visit of twin Godavari districts starting with Bhimavaram on February 14.

On the other hand, there is no clarity over the seat-sharing between TDP and JSP given that BJP has welcomed back TDP back into the NDA fold. JSP has already announced it is part of the NDA.

According to sources, TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu will shortly meet Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan to take a final call on the seat sharing and also discuss the 'alliance' with the BJP. It is anticipated that Naidu may delay the announcement of the party candidates for some days until a clarity emerges on the electoral tie with the saffron party along with the JSP.

In 2014, TDP, BJP and JSP were in alliance, but JSP did not contest the election, though it had actively canvassed for the alliance. BJP had contested for five Lok Sabha seats and won two during that elections and four of its members were elected for the State Assembly. Those in know of things said that the saffron party in all possibility might seek 5-6 Lok Sabha seats and few Assembly seats.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

ED raids Cong MLA's residence in Ballari

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THE Enforcement Directorate (ED), on Saturday, conducted a raid at the residence and offices of Ballari city MLA Nara Bharath Reddy. A team of 20 officials conducted the raid, and searched for documents in connection with a money laundering case.

The Congress MLA's offices in Ballari, Bengaluru and Chennai were also raided. Congress leaders have alleged that the BJP is trying to scare the MLA by conducting these raids. A team of CRPF officials, and local police provided security to ED officials while conducting the raid.

The team of ED officials began the raid at the MLA's residence and offices in Bengaluru and Chennai, simultaneously, at 6.30 am on Saturday.

The ED officials also raided his father, former MLA Suryanarayana Reddy and his uncle Prathap Reddy, who is also a Congress leader. In total, the raid was conducted at six places in Ballari.

Prior to Karnataka assembly elections, the MLA has distributed over 1 lakh pressure cookers to voters as part of his campaign. During the elections, Reddy had declared Rs 91 crore property in the affidavit submitted to Election commission (EC).

The Enforcement Directorate staff raid MLA Nara Bharath Reddy's house on Saturday | EXPRESS

Sources said that the raid was conducted in connection with a money laundering complaint lodged against the MLA. It is suspected that there money laundering involved in the MLA's granite business.

"We will get a clear statement regarding case registered against him after the document verification," said an official.

A Congress leader from Ballari said BJP has taken ED, IT and investigation agencies for granted, and through them, the political party is trying to create fear among other party leaders.

"Our MLA Nara Bharath Reddy had his own business and he knows about the law. After his recent attacks on BJP leader and remarks against corruption, some BJP agents have registered a compliant against him. As per process, ED conducted a raid but at end they will not get anything wrong," said Congress leaders.

One dead, 18 injured after pandal at school blows away

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@ Chikballapur

ONE person died, while 18 others, including three schoolchildren, sustained burns after a pandal they were sitting under flew and touched a live electric wire at Sree Ramakrishna Sharadha Devi Vidya Mandir in Gauribidanur town of Chikkaballapur district on Saturday afternoon.

The incident occurred during the annual sports meet. Police sources said that a big crowd of parents and students had gathered under the pandal to witness the sports event. Around 2 pm, a big gust of wind blew the pandal and it touched a 66 KV power line passing over the school premises. Some of those seated rushed to catch the pandal and suffered an electric shock.

A parent, Raghavendra (45), a resident of Nagenahalli village of Madhugiri taluk, succumbed to his injuries at a private hospital. Of the 18 injured, two children, three parents, including the deceased, and five teachers, had been admitted to the hospital. One of the teachers, Tahsheen (25), has sustained grievous injuries and is undergoing treatment, while others are out of danger, hospital sources said.

Four children, two parents and two teachers admitted to the Gauribidanur Government Hospital are said to be out of danger.

Officials rushed to the spot after the incident. Energy minister KJ George spoke to the officials and later announced that the government will bear the expenses of treatment of the injured.

Manish (14), Niharika (6), Kiran Kumar (13), Chandrashekhar (32), Uma (53), Nirmala (32), Roopa (38), Chandrakala (33) Vijayalakshmi (26), Nataraja (59), Kamala (49) and Sukanya (26) are among the injured.

Ganesh, a correspondent of the school, has been booked by the police.

T'gana budget: Rs 53K cr for guarantees

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The main focus of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's first budget is welfare and implementing the six-guarantees announced by the Congress. He allocated Rs 53,196 crore for the implementation of six-guarantees, while presenting the Vote on Account Budget for 2024-25 in the State Legislative Assembly on Saturday.

He said that provision of additional funds would be made as required, once a complete assessment was done for the six-guarantees.

He presented the vote on account budget with an outlay of Rs 2,75,891 crore. Out of which, the estimated capital expenditure is Rs 29,669 crore for 2024-25. Of the total budget, revenue expenditure is projected at Rs 2,01,178 crore.

The vote on account budget, the first to be presented by the Congress government after coming to power in the state in December 2023. The focus of the budget is the overall development of Telangana.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

People participate in the International Kite Festival at Tannirbhavi Beach in Mangaluru on Saturday | PTI

9 BJP leaders booked for protesting with cows in Bengaluru

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

NINE BJP leaders have been booked under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act for bringing six cows to Freedom Park during the protest against the Congress State Government claiming it to be 'anti-cow'. When the police were taking all the protesters under preventive custody and putting them in BMTC buses, the latter are alleged to have tried to push the cows inside the buses wanting the animals to accompany them to police stations. The police claim that they had a tough time rescuing the cows from getting pushed inside the small doors of the buses. The police further claimed that the cows, which were in a state of panic due to the several other protests inside the Freedom Park as there was usage of loudspeakers, tried to run in different directions.

The complaint has been filed by Prashanth, police sub-inspector, attached to the Upparpet police station. The complaint has been filed against P Rajeev, Patil Nadahalli, Harish, Sapthagiri Gowda, and five others.

"Despite permission being given to hold protests at the Freedom Park, it is illegal to bring animals for the protest. The six cows were treated inhumanely by the protesters. Even the owners of these cattle will be booked. Even though the punishment is just in the form of a fine amount, the case has been booked so that animals will not be brought for any protests henceforth," said the police.

The BJP leaders on Tuesday had staged a protest with the six cows accusing the Congress State Government of being 'anti-cow' with banners that the government was not in favour of livestock. They also alleged that due to less number of veterinary hospitals in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts milk production has come down. They had also threatened to lay siege to Vidhana Soudha with cows.

The Upparpet police have registered a case and are further investigating.

'22 car blasts: NIA raids 20 sites across TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Coimbatore/Chennai/Tiruchy/Madurai

National Investigation Agency (NIA) officials on Saturday conducted searches at around 20 places across Tamil Nadu in connection with the alleged ISIS-inspired car bomb blast in front of the Sangameswarar temple in Kottaimedu of Coimbatore in October 2022.

According to sources, around a dozen places in Coimbatore, three in Chennai, one each in Cuddalore, and Madurai were searched on Saturday. The sleuths could not search a house in Tiruchy as it was found to be locked. Sources said several electronic gadgets were seized.

After the blast, the counter-terrorism agency had alleged that regional Islamic study centres were used to radicalise youngsters. The agency had even registered a separate ISIS radicalisation and recruitment case last year.

On September 16, 2023, the NIA carried out simultaneous searches related to the case at 31 places in Tamil Nadu and Hyderabad and seized electronic gadgets. By examining the seized materials, the agency claimed that a section of youth from Coimbatore, Chennai, Tiruchy, and a few other districts were linked to ISIS sympathisers.

Twelve NIA teams seized gadgets from the locations. As per its preliminary inquiry, sources said NIA claimed that the 12 people under the scanner were alumni of Arabic colleges and allegedly have links to ISIS sympathisers. Their roles in the blast will be confirmed after examining the digital devices, sources added.

EXPRESS READ

1 dies, 40 fall ill after drinking 'polluted' water in Guntur

Guntur: As many as 40 people fell ill and an 18-year-old girl died allegedly after drinking contaminated water in Guntur city on Saturday. People in Sarada Colony and Srinagar Colony of Guntur city showed symptoms of diarrhea after consuming 'contaminated' water. P Padma (18), a native of Sarada Colony suddenly fell ill and died on Saturday morning. GMC officials rushed to the spot and inspected the situation. Following the instructions of civic chief Kirthi Chekuri, a medical camp has been set up for treatment.

Elephant tramples 47-yr-old man to death in Waynad

Waynad: A wild elephant that strayed into human habitat from Karnataka forests, trampled 47-year-old Ajeesh Joseph Panachiyil to hsi death in Mananthavady, triggering massive protests on Saturday. The victim entered a compound in an attempt to escape from the animal. After attacking Ajeesh, the elephant retreated to the forest behind the house. Protests erupted from various corners of Wayanad after the news spread.

JSW to set up Rs 40k crore EV project in Odisha

Bhubaneswar: The Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Group on Saturday inked a pact with the Odisha government to set up what is billed as the world's largest single-location project in the electric vehicle (EV) sector in the state. The integrated EV and its components manufacturing project proposed at Cuttack district's Naraj would entail an investment of `40,000 crore. The MoU was signed in presence of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Sajjan Jindal,

Man-animal conflicts to be tackled, says Khandre

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THE leaseholders have also not paid hundreds of crores to the government in taxes, he added. "I recently came to know about the issue and held a meeting with the officers. We have formed a committee under BP Ravi to fight the cases in the court and reclaim the forest land," he said.

"WE have hired two senior advocates. I discussed with the Advocate General to take steps to have early hearings and resolve the disputes within six months," he said. After the land is acquired, wild animals will have more space and that will reduce man-animal conflicts, he added.

Pointing out that lack of marking boundaries has led to conflicts between farmers and forest officials, he said some lands have been divided between private, revenue and forest departments. "I have directed revenue and forest officials to conduct a joint survey of land in all districts and remove encroachments of around 2 lakh acres in forest lands," he said. On a railway line running through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, connecting Nilambur in Kerala and Nanjangud, he said there has been no survey to construct a railway line or flyover inside the forest.

"The government will ensure that wildlife is not disturbed by vehicles. Traffic movement will be between 6 am and 6 pm. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed to travel during night," he said.

Highlights

- Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said he will order an inquiry if evidence is available regarding Bandipur foresters releasing an injured tiger, captured in Gandettur, into Kerala, violating NTCA guidelines.
- Around 300 km of rail barricade has been erected, while another 170 km will be covered this year. There is a demand for 240 km. He said he has demanded Rs 250 crore for the department.

38 medicos suspended for making reels inside hospital

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

THE Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) has ordered temporary suspension of 38 final year medical students after their reels shot inside the hospital went viral on social media platforms. The final year medical students recently celebrated an annual day function and they have made a reel of Kannada and Hindi songs and uploaded the same on social media.

The video went viral and many people who watched videos said that the hospital is not a place for such things as hundreds of patients are under treatment there. The videos of medical students dancing to Hindi song 'Tu cheez hai mast mast' and Kannada song 'Ranadheera' are viral on social media and netizens commented that the students disturbed hundreds of patients while making reels and the medical students could have done the same in other places. Several students wore stethoscopes and acted like doctors and some wore bandages to make the reels.

Protests against teacher for making 'anti-Hindu' remarks

Mangaluru: Pro-Hindu activists and parents staged a protest in front of St Gerosa School at Jeppu in Mangaluru on Saturday after a viral audio accused one of the teachers of making derogatory remarks against Ram Temple in Ayodhya and Hindu religion. In the audio, a woman who claims to be a parent of a student studying in the school, accuses the teacher who is a Catholic nun, of portraying the Hindu religion and its gods in poor light and also making disparaging remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi while teaching a lesson - 'Work is Worship'. Stating that it is a serious matter which adversely impacts the students, the woman demands strict action against the nun. However, no police complaint was lodged yet. In no time, the audio was found to be widely circulated on social media with Hindutva activists and netizens slamming the nun in strong words.

Age is indeed just a number: Dharwad man completes PhD at 89

MALLIKARJUN HIREMATH
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IN the backdrop of increasing number of school dropouts, especially in rural areas, here is a living example that age is just a number when it comes to pursuing education.

Markandeya Doddamani from Dharwad has completed his PhD at the age of 89. This octogenarian, a former school teacher, held on to his dream of becoming a PhD scholar and completed his thesis 'Shivasharan Dohar Kakkayya' which runs into 150 pages and is divided into seven parts.

Markandeya was a first generation government school teacher in his family.

To overcome poverty and to achieve something in life he had joined a school and was appointed as a teacher after he completed his seventh grade.

Coming from an economically poor family, he had to face many odds. Many criticised and ridiculed him that he was not able to study further and becoming a teacher was no big deal.

Markandeya Doddamani and his wife Sushila | DHEMANTH

All such criticism made his resolve to pursue higher education even more stronger. A father of six children - three sons and three daughters - Markandeya first completed his BA and MA before finally becoming a PhD scholar.

Speaking to TNIE, Markandeya said he had a flair for writing and wrote a book on Haralayya.

He, however, thought that without Dohar Kakkayya, the book is incomplete and hence he decided to attend a PhD entrance examination in 2005 and enrolled for a PhD course at Karnatak University Dharwad. While pursuing his PhD, he had two guides - Prof Ningappa Mudnenur and Prof Talwar.

Wife Sushila said he has been tirelessly working and exploring things for the last 18 years. "I am happy that he has finally achieved what he wanted to. Praise is now pouring in coming from family, friends and community leaders. We, as a family, stood by him and helped in whatever way we could", she added.

"When I don't make a decision, it's not that I don't think about it. I think about it and make a decision not to make a decision

P V Narasimha Rao

SHADES OF GREY IN NORTH-SOUTH, B&W POLITICS

THE THIRD EYE

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IT is that season when politicians, unerringly consistent with eleventh-hour mobilisation, hold forth on the economy, triggering ricocheting rhetoric on claims and contestations. When it comes to the economy, the reality is coloured in shades of grey.

The week began with the chief ministers of three southern states coming together to protest against discrimination in the devolution of funds by the Centre to the states—aggravated by rising incidence of central cess and surcharge, which is not shared with the states. The government was quick to denounce the claims and dub them as part of an attempt to balkanise India.

The argument, in essence, is that states which do a better job of managing their economies get a smaller share of the pooled resources—for every rupee contributed in taxes, Karnataka gets back 15 paise and Tamil Nadu gets 29 paise, while Bihar gets ₹7.06 and Uttar Pradesh gets ₹2.73. The skew in devolution is caused by the formula for weightage— 15 for population and 15 for area, 10 for forest and ecology, 2.5 for tax and fiscal management, and 12.5 for performance in population control; the highest weightage of 45 is for 'income distance', which means the poorer and more populous the state, the higher the devolution.

If the BJP leveraged the electoral lure of double-engine sarkar, the opposition is presenting the concept as the instrument of discrimination. It is true that India's development mantra since independence has been that the less prosperous states get a higher share of resources as a leg-up to fund development. It is equally true that in the new millennium, any system must evolve to align incentives and disincentives, and the better-performing states have a reason to feel aggrieved.

The question is: are the states which sustain the virtuous cycle being rewarded? There is a clear case for a rethink on the formula to ensure that states deliver and are not getting a free pass. The context calls for adult conversations between the Union and the states, not juvenile jibes—politicos need to look around India and elsewhere in the world to eschew moronic ideas.

Ideally, the Congress, the Left and other regional parties should have called for a conference—in each of the state capitals, involving finance ministers and economists—on ideas for a new devolution formula, mount the alternative model on the manifesto, and ask people to vote on it. Characteristically, the Congress scored a self-goal first.

Politics over economics continued down the week. Normally, incumbent governments present their own performance as the calling card for re-election. That is not enough in the era of Modinomics. The government issued a 59-page White Paper on the Indian economy to list the many failures of UPA—the central themes being fiscal profligacy and corruption—and highlighted how it steered the economy from a "fragile" state to strength, paving a path to Amrit Kaal. The Congress, with remarkable agility, countered the narrative by producing a 54-page "black paper" titled '10 Saal Anyay Kal'.

The government has much to be proud of—from its push for digital and physical infrastructure, to fiscal prudence, to the headline-grabbing GDP growth estimate of 7.3 percent. But it has struggled to address the issues of cost of living and livelihoods haunting the political economy. In almost every opinion poll, respondents have red-flagged inflation and unemployment as serious issues impacting their well-being and outlook.

The data on inflation is stark—in December2023, while overall inflation was at 5.7 percent, food price inflation was at 9.5 percent, up from 4.19 percent a year back. The pain is worsened by the stagnation in real rural wages. The effect is visible in corporate reporting on entry-level products and in GDP data—private final consumption expenditure was at 4.4 percent even as the GDP grew by 7-plus percent. Prices of vegetables are up 27 percent, pulses are up 20 percent and cereals are up 9.9 percent. Curiously, the prices of poultry and meat products haven't risen as much—it is almost as if inflation has turned vegetarian. Mercifully, the government has a free food programme for 810 million citizens, or else the situation would be dire.

The narrative on unemployment in public minds is located between experiential narrative and data—an enduring paradox is the persistence of over 2 million vacant government posts and the cry for jobs. India produces over 1.5 million engineers and, earlier this month, IT services companies indicated that campus recruitment would be the lowest in two decades. Campus placements at MBA colleges have dropped as companies are unsure. The Periodic Labour Force Survey reveals only 20 percent of the workforce have a salaried job, 21 percent are engaged in casual labour and 57 percent certify themselves as self-employed.

It is instructive to note that voting preference is still biased towards the BJP. The opposition is quick to criticise, but has struggled to present an alternative model. The Congress had some ideas in its 2019 manifesto, none of which were implemented in the states it was in power. Smart leaders argue that leadership rests on the idea of 1+1=3—effectively, a collaboration of minds delivers better outcomes. Not so with the opposition—18-plus parties met to produce exits and divisions.

In theory, the vibrancy of democracies rests on competing ideas. The reality in India is that politics is mostly an argument industry.

MODIKAAL MANTRA FOR 1,000 YEARS

POWER & POLITICS

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"The government's third term will lay the foundations of India for the next 1,000 years"

"January 22nd, 2024 is not a mere date on the calendar, it is the origin of a new kaal chakra"

"We have to lay the foundation of India for the next one thousand years"

"We have to expand our consciousness from Dev to Desh, Ram to Rashtra—from deity to nation"

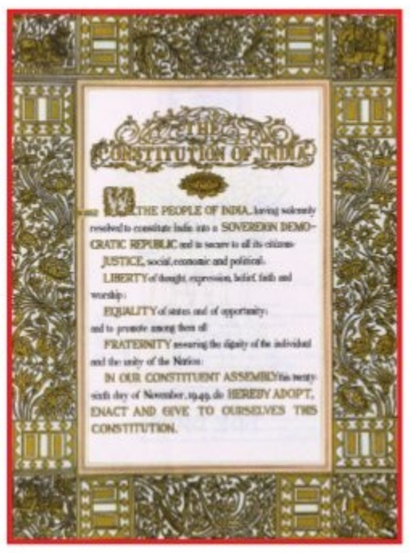
"This is Bharat's time, and Bharat is now going to move forward. After centuries of anticipation, we have reached here"

—Excerpts from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speeches

MODI is an enigma wrapped in mystery and history. Like those of a Greek oracle, his statements are open to innumerable interpretations and oratory objectives. It is the addiction of leaders to pontificate on their next five-year plans during election time. Theirs is an adjective-alloyed algebra that counts promises fulfilled and makes new promises. But Modi is a political exception.

His charisma-charged, clairvoyant clarity envisages not just the coming decade or century, but 1,000 years of India's dazzling destiny. In his last speech in parliament, he claimed that he was riding into his third term and embarking upon memorable policy initiatives which would be celebrated for aeons to come. With perfect timing, he invoked the god of Ayodhya as his imprimatur on India's identity by saying, "Lord Ram has now not only returned to his home, but has come to a grand temple that will energise India's august cultural traditions for the next 1,000 years." This 100-minute speech reiterated his vision explained on January 22 in Ayodhya. Three days later, the government convened a daylong session to record the saga of Ram temple construction for posterity. Such repeated invocations of Ram and Indian culture are aimed at rallying the majority behind a Hindutva ideology with the Viksit Bharat vow.

But why this time-frame of 1,000 years? Many Modi-meisters are at a loss to dissect his potent philosophical politics since the PM is always unpredictable. Analysing his actions over two decades as both chief minister and prime minister, it is obvious that Modi has followed a specific narrative: setting records such as the Statue of Unity and Ram mandir, and coining mesmerising slogans such as '*Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas*', 'Vocal for local' etc. He is sculpting the contours and painting the colours of an ever-enduring, new Bharat. The speculative toolkit for a cultural, political, religious and economic renaissance which Modi could employ during his next term with 340 seats is both pervasive and precise.


CONSTITUTION OF INDIA
WE THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens
JUSTICE, social, economic and political;
LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;
EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;
and to promote among them all
FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual
and the unity of the Nation;
IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

A revised Constitution: If Modi garners two-thirds majority in both Houses of parliament, he will introduce changes to replace the Nehruvian and Congress credo with Mission Moditva. The Preamble to the Constitution is likely to be rewritten. Expect many impactful amendments which give more powers to the Centre over the states. The government has dropped enough hints by distributing the original copy of the Constitution to MPs at the inauguration of the new parliament building. The entire opposition rose in protest because it didn't include 'secular' and 'socialist' in its Preamble, having been introduced by Indira Gandhi during the Emergency. Secularism has lost its credibility and desirability; Modi is likely to drop both words and introduce a nationalist definition of Bharat. Even the article 'India that is Bharat' may be amended by erasing India and retaining Bharat.

Revival of cultural heritage: The BJP has always been bemoaning the abominable plight of ancient Hindu monuments and icons. School students gain little information about pre-Mughal India, which is taught only in college textbooks. Over a thousand Indian temples and pilgrimage sites are either in shambles or badly connected. Modi has been visiting South Indian Ram temples for the first time after becoming prime minister. He has gone to all the famous and revered Hindu shrines in the South. While much of India has been Hindutvaised, the active political Hindu is missing in the South, which has many more deities and temples than the North. The ministry of culture has allocated funds to restore Hindu temples.

It is likely that Modi may propose a legal mechanism to take away temple administration from local governments and hand them over to Ayodhya-like trusts appointed by the central government. The BJP leadership is peeved with foreign-funded NGOs, which have been spending massive amounts of money to restore Islamic monuments over Hindu landmarks.

Renaming cities and institutions: Besides renaming India as Bharat, all BJP-run states will be told to rename cities with English or Islamic names. Mid-level leaders have already been raising the issue in the courts. A BJP leader filed a petition in the Supreme Court to replace the names of all cities and historical places that he claimed are named after foreign invaders; the petition was dismissed. But the name-changing spree continues, spearheaded by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other CMs, and BJP netas in opposition-run states.

Uniformity in diversity: The Constitution provides enormous powers to the Centre to legislate on various issues. The BJP has been agitating over citizenship rights given to infiltrators from Bangladesh and Pakistan. It has been demanding a uniform civil code for all of India. BJP-ruled Uttarakhand has already introduced a UCC. During the next five years, all BJP states will adopt laws which ensure social uniformity in marriage, on which Muslims enjoy special privileges. The government will push for implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and a National Registrar of Citizens, which will erase foreigners from voter lists.

One Nation, One Election: Modi will implement his favourite idea of conducting simultaneous elections. The BJP feels that it can win elections in the states only in Modi's name. The Indian Constitution gives enough powers to the Centre to dissolve any assembly before the completion of its term. Governors will be given more powers so that they can legally influence the decisions of state governments.

The driving principle behind Modi's multi-vector push is ensuring that India becomes a Hindu Rashtra in all but name—where people from other faiths enjoy equal rights, but not extra privileges. Modi wishes that history will remember Bharat as a Modified nation, and ModiKaal be perceived as India's new golden period where all signs and symbols of centuries of Islamic and British rule, that started with Muhammad bin Qasim in 712 CE, will disappear into the mists of time.

'Modi *hai to mumkin hai*' will be the war-cry of change. Modi is reinventing the abacus of the past with quantum equations of nationalism to decolonise the Indian psyche—from 1,000 years of exploitation to ten empowering centuries of Ram Rajya, where hi-tech and trillion-dollar economies are the Vedas of Bharat's future.

THE UNIQUE HERITAGE OF MARATHA FORTS

OPINION

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THE ministry of culture has nominated twelve forts as the 'Maratha Military Landscape' for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage list. The dozen have been chosen from the 390-odd forts the Marathas built on the Sahayadri mountains, Konkan coast, Deccan plateau and the Eastern Ghats.

Maratha rule formally began with the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji in 1674 and ended with the dissolution of the Maratha confederacy in 1818. Their history and success are linked to the forts, which they captured or built, and then defended, provided with food and water, and administered with transferable officers who had no hereditary rights. The extraordinary network of forts was a result of the terrain and physiographic characteristics distinctive to the Sahyadri.

the Marathas became an effective military unit under the rule of Chhatrapati Shivaji. Known for their innovative approach to warfare, they would use guerrilla tactics, hit-and-run strategies and swift cavalry movements. They could traverse difficult terrains, strike swiftly and disappear equally swiftly. Mobility, flexibility and decentralisation of the army were some of the innovative approaches to warfare designed by Shivaji.

Much thought went into building a fort, whose terrains included forest, ground, hill and water. "Forts are the chief protection of a kingdom. They should be built all over the country after selecting the proper site," said Amatya, a lieutenant to Shivaji's son Rajaram. "There should not be a higher point near the fort amongst the surrounding hills... The approach to the fort should not be easy to access."

Many forts were visible to each other, so they could communicate by using fire signals. Often a hill surrounded by smaller mounds forming a protective curtain was selected. The ascent included steep zig-zag paths or steps cut into the bare rock. In some forts, the last part of the climb could only be accomplished using a ladder, while subterranean passages led to the main entrance in others. The walls offered further defence, with several reinforced by two or more walls, the second line higher than the first. They were known as chilkhat, meaning armour, with stone battlements and two or more gates.

The forts selected by the ministry of culture for the UNESCO World Heritage list include Salher, Shivaneri, Lohgadh, Khanderi, Raigadh, Pratapgadh, Rajgadh, Suvarnadurg, Panhaladurg, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg, all of which are in Maharashtra, and Gingee in Tamil Nadu.

Each fort has its own history. Salher fort is the highest in Maharashtra, at 5,175 feet. Shivaneri was an ancient Buddhist centre near Junnar and the birthplace of Shivaji. Lohagadh or the Iron Fort was associated with several dynasties: Lohtamia, Chalukyas, Rashtrakutas, Yadavas, Bahmanis, Nizams, Mughals and Marathas. Khanderi is an island fort, renamed Kanhoji Angre Island in 1998 in honour of the Maratha admiral.

The government has nominated 12 of the 390-odd forts that the Marathas built or captured for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage list. Each fort has a story of its own etched in rock

Raigadh is one of the strongest fortresses of the Deccan. Originally Raivi, a short form of Raigiri, Shivaji's coronation took place here in 1674. The samadhis of Shivaji and his mother are situated here. Pratapgadh was the site of the famous battle between Shivaji and the Bijapur sultanate general Afzal Khan in 1659. Rajgadh is situated along a ridge, with breathtaking views of hills and valleys. Suvarnadurg is located on a small island in the Konkan and was connected to a land fort, Kanakadurg, by a now-defunct tunnel. It was captured in 1660 by Shivaji by defeating Ali Adil Shah II, and Kanhoji's navy was stationed there.

Panhaladurg has been described as "a treasure trove of history, culture and natural beauty" and is one of the largest forts in the Deccan. After the death of Afzal Khan, Shivaji captured Panhala in 1705. Tarabai, widow of Shivaji's son Rajaram and regent, made Panhala her headquarters and personally led the war against the Mughals. Panhala has three enormous stone granaries named after Ganga, Yamuna and Sarasvati, which could hold 2,50,000 khandis of grains. Inside the fort, Sambhaji built a temple dedicated to his grandmother Jijabai. Vijaydurg, located at the tip of the Vijaydurg peninsula, was impregnable. Ships could be anchored in the creek and yet remain invisible from the sea. Sindhudurg was a marine fort in Konkan, commissioned by Shivaji and built by Portuguese engineers and Vadderas, a caste of stone cutters.

The sole Maratha fort in Tamil Nadu is Gingee near Tiruvannamalai, a triangle between three hills: Krishnagiri, Rajgiri and Chandradurg. Shivaji ranked it as the most impregnable fortress in India; the British called it the 'Troy of the East'.

Unfortunately, this great heritage of the Maratha kings came to an end in 1818, when all the forts were captured by the British, as was much of India herself.

QUOTE CORNER

We all have the capacity, with little prodding, to become willing executioners. We can all become Nazis. It takes very little. In the eternal vigilance over evil, our evil, we become like those carrying out the mass killing in Gaza—monsters. Perhaps the saddest irony is that a people once in need of protection from genocide now commit it.

Chris Hedges, Pulitzer-winning journalist and a Middle East bureau chief for the *NYT*

CIA, the organisation you wanted to join back in the day. We should thank god they didn't let you in. From what I understand, it's a serious organisation.

Vladimir Putin, Russian president and former KGB operative, mocking American TV host Tucker Carlson while blaming Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity on the CIA

It has become fashionable for local administration to demolish any house by drawing up proceedings without complying with the principles of natural justice.

Vivek Rusia, judge at Madhya Pradesh High Court, while awarding ₹1 lakh compensation to a person whose house was illegally demolished by Ujjain municipality

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Inspirational leaders

The Bharat Ratnas conferred on P V Narasimaha Rao, Charan Singh, M S Swaminathan, Karpoori Thakur and L K Advani remind one of Henry Longfellow's words, "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight. But they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night." The words should serve as a key note for the modern generation to create waves in raising our nation.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Political awards

Proving beyond doubt that it was only a bargain deal, Jayant Choudhary, grandson of Charan Singh, left the INDIA bloc to align with the NDA the moment Modi conferred the Bharat Ratna on Singh. What a blatant misuse of the award for political ends. It is alleged that the award to P V Narasimha Rao is also to gain political mileage in Andhra Pradesh.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Deserving honour

Gowri C Naik, a 55-year-old from Sirsi in Uttara Kannada, is digging a well for the local school all by herself because the teachers have to walk a distance for water. That is why this great woman is called 'Bhagiratha'. Anganwadi workers, students and teachers are full of her praise. She should be honoured.

M S Raghavendra Rao, Bengaluru

Other Ratnas

Some well-deserved Indians are not being considered for the Bharat Ratna. I would list three: Dhyan Chand, who was responsible for India getting three Olympic hockey gold medals; Homi Bhabha, the father of India's nuclear programme; and Varghese Kurien, the father of the White Revolution.

A K Vasudevan, Kannur

Settle shares

The chief ministers of three big southern states are protesting in public for fund allocations. This must be given priority. When they are asking for their due shares, these chief ministers cannot be branded as divisionary and separatist. State as well as central leaders needs to refrain from extreme utterances. Procrastination will further sour Centre-state relationships. So the anomaly must be settled amicably sooner rather than later.

Buddha Jagdish Rao, Visakhapatnam

Code violation

I am concerned over Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code diverging from the Supreme Court's endorsement of unmarried couples' rights. The code's mandatory registration and intrusive inquiries risk violating privacy. Empowering registrars to inform parents and investigate consent infringes on adults' right to choose, too.

Megha Kukreti, email

Society's protection

Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code raises concerns about privacy infringement. While privacy is crucial, we must also weigh the societal impact, notably in live-in relationships. Instances of violence and harm within such relationships underscore the need for familial acceptance alongside privacy rights.

Khadija Zulfikhar, email

Democratic decline

Shashi Tharoor has rightly assessed the status of democracy in India. Arrogance, stepmotherly treatment of states with non-BJP governments, misuse of ED, erection of costly statues with the people's money, and awards to politicians are all symptoms. The finance minister is aware of the condition of the poor when she roams about the markets in Chennai's Mylapore. If she has a mother's heart, she will not read false statements regarding the economy.

Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli

Free speech

The Law Commission's recommendation to retain criminal defamation misses its chilling effect on free speech. In a democracy, civil statutes should suffice to protect reputation, avoiding misuse for political or personal vendettas. Many nations have decriminalised defamation. It's time India follows suit.

Akshainie G, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

President of India @rashtrapatibhvn
It should be the endeavor of all of us to use technology for sustainable development and all-round development of all the people of the society, especially the deprived sections.

Jawhar Sircar @jawharsircar
In my 41 years in administration, I've never heard or seen 1,200 police forces brought to a small town to destroy a masjid and madrasah, the legality of which was being decided by courts!

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
Under the ruse of an anti-encroachment drive, BJP-led governments are dispossessing muslims of their hard-earned assets.

Amit Shah says nowhere else had a majority community waited so long on a matter of faith

'Ram temple symbol of secularism'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

TERMING the Supreme Court verdict on Ram temple as a reflection of India's secular character, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi took all sections of the society along on the Ram temple issue.

The minister made the remarks during a discussion in Lok Sabha on the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and the consecration ceremony on January 22.

Shah said January 22 marked the beginning of the journey of a great India. He added that people's struggle for constructing the Ram temple began in 1528 and the legal battle started in 1858.

The home minister said that in no other country had the majority community waited for so long for a matter related to its faith. "Critics used to mock the BJP over its promises alleging that they were driven by electoral promises. We have fulfilled all our promises, such as banning triple talaq and abrogation of Article 370. The BJP and its leader Modi do what they say," Shah said.

The journey that started on January 22 will be carried forward, he said, adding that the Modi government will come back to power in 2024 after the general elections.

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> Amit Shah, Home Minister

Hitting out at the BJP government, Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi said that violence against the backward castes still continues under its rule.

"Today, the backward castes are demanding a population census because they are seeing that they are not getting any benefits. They are not getting admissions in universities," Gogoi said.

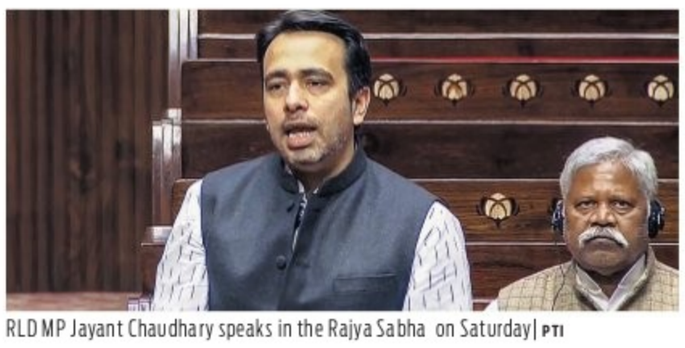
The Congress and the BJP exchanged barbs after Gogoi pointed out that Rahul Gandhi was denied entry into the Batadrava Satra shrine in Assam, the birthplace of saint and reformer Srimanta Sankardeva.

The Congress leader said that though BJP speak about Ram, their actions are filled with "hatred and anger".

"Will the BJP distribute certificates of religion? Will they decide who will visit temples? Is Pran Pratishtha a matter of TRP?" Gogoi asked.

The MP said that Congress believes in secularism but distances itself from the "western definition" of the word. "India is a religious country. We believe in equality of all religions, not just any one scripture," he said.

He also warned the ruling BJP that they should shun the path of Nathuram Godse.



RLD MP Jayant Chaudhary speaks in the Rajya Sabha on Saturday| PTI

RLD chief praises PM for Bharat Ratna to granddad

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE political temperature rose in the Rajya Sabha on the last day of the Budget session when the chair allowed RLD chief Jayant Singh, the grandson of late PM Chaudhary Charan Singh, to speak in the House.

Opposition members protested when Singh started on a laudatory note thanking the Modi government for the decision to confer Bharat Ratna on Chaudhary Charan Singh.

Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar tried to bring order asking the Opposition members to follow the House decorum. But when the din continued, leader of the House Piyush Goyal came down heavily on Congress leaders saying the protest was an insult to the late PM.

"Had he belonged to the Nehru-Gandhi family, the previous government led by Congress would have awarded him the Bharat Ratna. But it did not happen," Goyal said.

He also asked leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to apologise for his comments. Kharge said he saluted all those who have worked for the country irrespective of their political affiliation.

House chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar hit out at the Opposition saying that instead honouring the late PM, they insulted Chaudhary Charan Singh.

"You are hurting farmers of the country by creating such a situation," said Dhankhar. He cautioned the Opposition benches that he will not tolerate any insult to Chaudhary Charan Singh.

"He stands for impeccable public life, integrity and commitment to farmers," he said.

PV NARASIMHA RAO

MANY FACETS OF KAUTILYA, SCHOLAR, PHILOSOPHER

KALYAN THOLETI

WHAT would have been the reaction of former prime minister PV Narasimha Rao to the Modi government's decision to award him the Bharat Ratna? Perhaps, a long pause and, "no comment"... Or philosophical as he was, a simple nod with a namaskar. Frankly, one wouldn't know what would have passed through his mind. He had done his part and the rest is history. In his own words, "one has to erase oneself to objectively look at history." In that spirit, if we look at his long service to the nation, a few seemingly contradictory traits standout. He was without a doubt a nationalist. After all, was he not banished from school for singing Vandemataram before Independence? Later, as the chief minister of the then Andhra Pradesh, did he not seek to bring in land reforms? The second characteristic was his immense fortitude and self-restraint. A man of letters but of few words, he curbed his rebellious instincts and kept his idealism in check for decades under Indira, and Rajiv Gandhi. Thirdly, he was a scholar and a philosopher – it is said that when he was contemplating retirement in 1991, he had received feelers from Sri SiddheswariPitam at Courtallam in Tamil Nadu. Had he not become the prime minister, he might have become a Swami. Compare these with his stint in power from 1991-1996. A real Kautilya emerged from the shadows who brought the nation back from the brink of economic collapse, effected a paradigm shift in foreign policy and successfully fought terrorism. In the political world, he co-opted opposition leaders for national good, but in one fell swoop, tainted his rivals in his own party and the opposition in cases. Why he did what he did is up for debate but what is non-debatable is that his successors Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi in their own ways followed him, one way or another, effectively or otherwise.

By awarding him the Bharat Ratna, the Modi government has sought to cement and own his legacy, which was brought into dispute by his own party, the Congress, for his failure in preventing the demolition of the Babri Masjid. It is no coincidence that the BJP has conferred the highest civilian honour on Vajpayee first, then Advani, and now PVN – three major players in the Ayodhya movement. The last two were bestowed the award soon after the consecration of Ram Lalla at the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. In a sense, this is a perfect closure to the issue. From a historical perspective, it is also a continuation of the BJP's strategy of co-opting leaders from other parties and owning their legacy, reducing the Congress to nothing more than a family party of the Gandhi family devoid of icons other than Nehru and Indira. This may not yield immediate political dividends but in the long course of history, the saffron party could well claim to epitomise the spirit of the nationalist leaders in the collective psyche of the nation. Specifically in the case of PV Narasimha Rao, the Congress may find it difficult going forward to claim even the credit for economic reforms because it cannot take the name of Manmohan Singh without recalling the former prime minister. Singh's place in history is tarnished by his years at the helm of the UPA-2, notwithstanding his personal credentials. History may be kinder to him still but surely, it has rehabilitated his mentor.

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Telugu-speaking people, especially, would be gratified with the Bharat Ratna for PVN. Though he wasn't a mass leader from the then united Andhra Pradesh and wasn't particularly preoccupied with state affairs, his ascension to the top job was seen as a recognition and matter of pride for Telugus. A person who was close to the former PM told this newspaper what kind of a politician he was. "Normally, these days, politicians go to prestigious clubs or fancy hotels to relax. PV Narasimha Rao would visit Koti Khadi Bhandar to relax regularly! He would sit there to avoid the crowds and be himself. Even when he was the chief minister, he would go to the Telugu Academy to be by himself. He also had a habit of attending music concerts."

Detached and for all his intellectual prowess, he was also a grassroots politician – a rarity these days. In fact, he fought in every election from 1952 till his last one only for either Lok Sabha or Assembly. He was never a member of the Rajya Sabha or the Council.

No wonder, the humiliation heaped upon him by the Sonia Gandhi-led Congress even in his death still rankles in the minds of many on par with the insult faced by Anjaiah at the hands of Rajiv Gandhi in the early 80s. PVN's family members are in the BJP and BRS now, and the latter had celebrated his centenary too. Feeble attempts at this juncture may not suffice to reclaim the man's legacy. The Congress, perhaps, needs another PV Narasimha Rao to do that and more.

RS DISCUSSES RAM TEMPLE

The Rajya Sabha on Saturday held a short discussion on the Ram temple construction and the Pran Pratishtha ceremony. Speaking during the discussion, BJP national president JP Nadda said that BJP never tried to take any political advantage from the temple, though it was the party's commitment to complete its construction. On the other hand, Congress MP Pramod Tiwari claimed that the Ram temple has been constructed hundreds of metres away from the actual birthplace of Lord Ram and demanded that an all-party team of parliamentarians be formed to inspect the site. Meanwhile, Shiv Sena's Priyanka Chaturvedi lauded late Bal Thackeray's contribution to the Ram temple movement.

POWER CORRIDOR

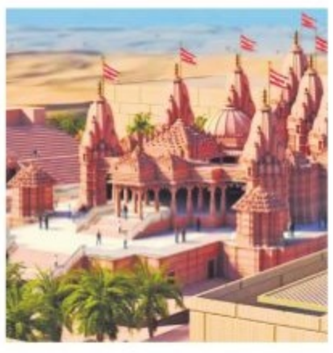
DMK MP TR Baalu and others after walking out of the Budget session of Parliament on Saturday | PTI

HOUSES ADJOURNED SINE DIE

Both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were adjourned sine die on Saturday, marking the conclusion of the Budget session of Parliament. These were the last sessions of both the Houses before parliamentary elections are announced. While Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said the 17th Lok Sabha passed 222 bills in the last five years, Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said that the Upper House sat for nine days during this session, dealing with 116 issues of public importance alongside answering 90 starred and 960 unstarred questions of parliamentarians. "Overall productivity stood at 137 per cent," he said.

Modi to inaugurate BAPS temple during his two-day visit to UAE

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi



PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the BAPS Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi, on February 14. He will also address the Indian community in the UAE at an event in Zayed Sports City in Abu Dhabi. The Prime Minister will be in the UAE on February 13 and 14.

This will be Modi's seventh visit to the UAE since 2015 and the third in the last eight months. During the visit, the Prime Minister will hold bilateral meetings with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The two leaders will discuss ways to further deepen, expand and strengthen the strategic partnership between their countries and exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

Modi will also meet with Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Defence Minister of UAE. At his invitation, the Prime Minister will participate in the World Government Summit 2024 to be held in Dubai as Guest of Honour and deliver a special keynote address at the Summit.

India and the UAE are among each other's top trading partners, with bilateral trade reaching about US$ 85 billion in 2022-23. The UAE is also among the top four investors in India in terms of FDIs in 2022-23.

CAA rules will be notified before LS polls: Shah

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

Home Minister Amit Shah speaks at an event in New Delhi on Saturday| PTI

THE rules under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be notified to implement it before the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, said Union Home Minister Amit Shah at a televised event on Saturday.

Describing it as an "act of the country", Shah said it is not to take away anyone's citizenship but to grant the same. "The CAA is an act of the country... It will be notified before the polls. There should be no confusion around it," he said.

The home minister said the CAA was a promise of the Congress government. "When the country was divided and the minorities were persecuted in those countries, Congress had assured the refugees that they were welcome in India and they will be provided with Indian citizenship. Now they are backtracking," he said, alleging that minorities in the country, especially the Muslim community, are being provoked.

"The CAA cannot snatch away anyone's citizenship, there is no such provision in the Act. It is an act to provide citizenship to refugees who were persecuted in Bangladesh and Pakistan," Shah said.

The assurance of implementing the CAA, which was passed in Parliament on December 11, 2019, has been one of the major electoral planks of the BJP during the Lok Sabha elections.

The CAA, introduced by the Narendra Modi government, is aimed at confering Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim migrants, including Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians, who migrated from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan and arrived in India before December 31, 2014. Following the passage of CAA by Parliament in December 2019, significant protests erupted in the country.

Army studying how to improve selection of officers

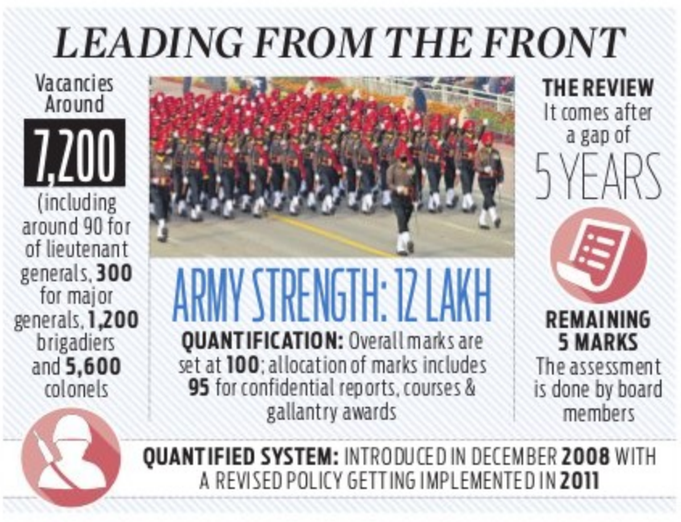
MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army is working on a study aimed at improving the selection process of its senior officers of the ranks of colonels, brigadiers, majors general and lieutenants general.

Sources said the focus is on analysing the overall policy of selection of officers for such ranks and see what changes can be made to improve the process. "The changes are being contemplated keeping the overall military roles of officers in mind. These have to match with the rising requirement of technological skills and associated expertise," he said.

The study was launched around two years back and it is a work in progress.

The Indian Army is the largest and most manpower-intensive service with strength of 1.2 million. The selection of officers starts at the colonel level and thereon selection boards are held for subsequent higher ranks of major general and lieutenant general. By keeping a fixed number of vacancies at each rank, the competition gets too intense. There are around 7,200 vacancies for these ranks, including around 90 vacancies of lieutenant generals, 300 major generals, 1,200 brigadiers and 5,600 colonels. Whereas the overall strength from the entry level of lieutenant to general is around 43,000.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ARMY STRENGTH: 12 LAKH
QUANTIFICATION: Overall marks are set at 100; allocation of marks includes 95 for confidential reports, courses & gallantry awards
THE REVIEW
It comes after a gap of
5 YEARS
REMAINING 5 MARKS
The assessment is done by board members
QUANTIFIED SYSTEM: INTRODUCED IN DECEMBER 2008 WITH A REVISED POLICY GETTING IMPLEMENTED IN 2011

The quantified system was introduced in December 2008 with a revised policy getting implemented in 2011. It was decided to review it after a gap of five years. Broadly for quantification, the overall marks are set at 100 marks; the allocation of marks includes 95 marks for confidential reports, courses and gallantry awards. For the remaining five marks, the assessment is done by board members who keep the overall profile of the officers in consideration, including the additional ones not quantified.

Overall, the confidential reports are given primacy but their salience increases from the lower selection board (lieutenant colonel to colonel) getting evaluated for 89 marks, to the SB2 (colonel to brigadier), SB1 (brigadier to major general) and special SB (major general to lieutenant general). For SB1 and SSB, the allocation is 93.5 marks.

Have cops ever sought information on missing kids, NCPCR asks tech giants

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has asked Google and YouTube to share if police have sought information on missing or kidnapped children.

In a letter dated February 6 and addressed to Mira Chatt, head of public policy at Google and YouTube, NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo asked whether the police in India have ever sought information from Google regarding minor children who have gone missing, been kidnapped, or abducted in the last year.

The child rights body has also inquired about the mode of information sharing with the police on online platforms.

Additionally, it has asked whether there is any provision to remove the password from parental control and settings for YouTube.

Kanoongo stated in the letter that the information should be provided within five days from the date of issuance of the letter. "Also, has Google provided such information to them? If so, how much information has Google provided and in what form? Furthermore, what terminology do the police use when seeking this information, and what terminology does Google use for the same information?" the letter stated.

"Moreover, how much information is still pending to be provided in such cases due to differences in terminology between the police and Google?" the letter added.

Speaking to this newspaper, Kanoongo said they have received information that the police have been seeking information from Google and YouTube on missing and kidnapped children. "We were told there were gaps in seeking and providing information on children because of the terminology used. We will get to know the real picture once we get all the information."

Gaps in info sharing

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ELECTROCUTION
A labourer died of electrocution while another was injured when the scaffolding they were standing on touched a live wire at a building in Maharashtra's Palghar district on Saturday, police said.

2 HELD FOR CHEATING CONTRACTOR OF ₹50 LAKH IN NAVI MUMBAI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	16	Mumbai	33	21
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Dalits, tribals key gainers of Modi's guarantee: PM

Says welfare steps reaching everyone without discrimination

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said in his government, Dalits, OBCs, and tribal families are the primary beneficiaries of every assistance scheme initiated by the government. He was addressing an event 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Gujarat' via video conferencing in Gujarat.

Addressing the gathering, the PM said, "The benefit of the schemes is reaching everyone without any discrimination. Modi has stood guarantee for those who had no guarantee".

"In Mudra Yojna is one such scheme where entrepreneurs from all communities can obtain collateral-free loans. Similarly, Vishwakarma and street sellers were provided with financial resources and training. Dalits, OBCs, and tribal families are the biggest beneficiaries of such schemes," said the PM. "If anyone has benefited the most from Modi's guarantee, it is these families," he remarked.

The PM said the construction of homes for the poor is taking place at a rapid pace when compared to the pre-2014 era. The PM also spoke about the meagre funding for the construction of houses for the poor and the leakages in the form of commissions during earlier times. "Today houses for the poor are getting made. Earlier, money given for homes for the poor was little, and even then, middlemen would take cuts. Now they (beneficiaries) get it directly in their bank accounts," said the PM.

The PM emphasized that the freedom to build homes should be based on the needs of the family, as well as the provision of toilets, tap water connections, power, and cooking gas.

He also stressed that the homes are now registered in the name of women making them homeowners. "Modi has given the guarantee of creating Lakhpati Didis, the country currently has one crore Lakhpati Didis, including a huge number of Gujarati women." PM said He said the government was making efforts to create 3 crore Lakhpati Didis over the next five years to empower disadvantaged households.

'Weaker sections benefitted the most'
Addressing the gathering, the PM said that the benefit of the schemes is reaching everyone without any discrimination. He added that Modi has stood as guarantee for those who had no guarantee. If anyone has benefited the most, it is these families, he pointed out.

CABINEET MEET

Tribals may be exempted from Assam UCC list

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Assam government is gearing up to introduce the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state. The state cabinet, which met on Saturday, discussed the issue. However, the government did not share any details. Asked about UCC, the state's irrigation minister Jayanta Malla Baruah told journalists, "We discuss many things (in Cabinet meetings) but until a decision is made, we cannot disclose anything."

Earlier in the day, he had stated the Cabinet meeting was called for an in-depth discussion on the UCC's different perspectives.

He had also said that the government would soon come up with a bill to introduce UCC. He hinted that there could be some relaxations in the UCC for the tribals. Sources said the government might introduce a bill for UCC in the ongoing budget session of the Assembly.

Minority-based opposition party All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) described UCC as "anti-Quran".

"UCC is anti-Quran, anti-Hadish, anti-Islam, anti-Hindu and anti-Christian. It is against all religions and communities," AIUDF chief and Lok Sabha member Maulana Badruddin Ajmal told journalists.

Akhilesh refusing to visit Ayodhya for votes, says Yogi

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

DELIVERING the concluding speech, which was replete with religious rhetoric in the state assembly before it was adjourned sine die on Saturday, UP CM took potshots on Leader of Opposition Akhilesh Yadav for refusing Assembly speaker's invitation to see the newly consecrated Ram Lalla in Ayodhya visit on Sunday.

He was responding to Akhilesh's missive against politics on Lord Ram. The SP chief had said during his speech that politics should not be done over Lord Ram .

The CM said that Lord Ram was his faith, he had always been relevant for him and would always remain so."Not for us but for you (Akhilesh Yadav) Lord Ram certainly is a matter of politics. You are refusing to visit Ayodhya due to the fear of a vote bank drifting away," said Yogi while addressing Akhilesh Yadav.

He continued his onslaught on Samajwadi Party chief by accusing his party's government of getting the Hindu shrines in Kashi and Mathura locked and inaccessible to devotees to keep it's vote bank intact. "You got Kashi and Mathura locked , we got the locks opened," said the CM.

He even accused Yadav of having pushed the state to poverty during his tenure as UP CM. "In the five years of your tenure, you gave a failed state but we made it a secure state. You looted millions and we will give the state one trillion," he said addressing Yadav. In his address, the CM said Yadav had problems with the fact that India had become the fifth largest economy in the world.

"He has doubts that the country has become the fifth largest economy, he also has a problem that Uttar Pradesh becomes number one," he said.

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Nawab Malik supports Ajit-led NCP

Following his release on medical bail, NCP MLA Nawab Malik has expressed his support for the NCP led by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar. He aims to advance his political career by seeking a seat in the upcoming Rajya Sabha elections. Malik intends to nominate his daughter, Sana Malik, to contest the state assembly election in his place. However, the BJP, through its indirect high command, opposed such an arrangement under Ajit Pawar's leadership. Consequently, Ajit Pawar had no choice but to enlist the support of Congress leader Baba Siddique, with the approval of the BJP.

BJP recruits 19 key leaders from Cong

The BJP has successfully recruited over 19 prominent leaders from the Congress, including a former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and a former Lok Sabha member. They allegedly employed the threat of central agencies and investigations to coerce these leaders. However, these Congress leaders find themselves in a dilemma. On one hand, they wish to avoid imprisonment, but on the other hand, public sentiment favours the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance. Voters urge their leaders not to join the BJP and to maintain their stance.

BJP faces major challenges in state

Despite fracturing two prominent regional fronts, Shiv Sena and NCP, the BJP is encountering significant challenges in Maharashtra. In the latest survey, the Mahayuti coalition, led by the BJP, is projected to win 20 seats, while the opposition alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi is expected to secure 30 seats out of Maharashtra's total of 48 Lok Sabha seats. Despite substantial expenditures on image makeovers, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's popularity remains stagnant. His name ranks third from the bottom in the list of popular CMs. Law and order issues, coupled with allegations of misgovernance, are emerging as concerns for ruling party.

Women protest turns violent in West Bengal

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Nandigram protests brought the Trinamool Congress to power in West Bengal 13 years ago. Now a similar stir is giving the TMC a wake up call. Since February 7 in North 24 Parganas' Sandeshkhali, a massive assembly of women, mostly from Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes, with sticks and brooms, are protesting the alleged sexual assault and land grab by local TMC leaders.

The main target of the protesters is TMC strongman Shahjahan Sheikh, who has gone underground for a month now. The protesters want him arrested.

"Shahjahan and his men, who used to be our tormentors, have been absconding for the past one month, ever since the attack on the Enforcement Directorate officers. So, we mustered courage to narrate our plight," said Minati Sardar, a protester.

The protest slowly snowballed into a violent one: they set fire to business outlets of local TMC leaders, which they say was set up on their lands. Later the villagers set fire to a poultry shop and ransacked liquor shop of local TMC leader Shibaprasad Hazra.

Setback to INDIA bloc as AAP says will contest all 13 LS seats in Punjab

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IN yet another jolt to the Opposition INDIA bloc post Nitish Kumar's somersault, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced that his party would contest all 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab and the lone seat of Chandigarh UT.

It virtually closes all doors for the laboured projection of the Congress-AAP alliance in the state.

Kejriwal was addressing a rally at Khanna, a town known for the grain market in Ludhiana district, on the launch of the party's free ration scheme. "Bless AAP with a victory on all 14 seats of Punjab and Chandigarh the way you did in the Assembly polls two years back by AAP victory in 92 out of the 117 Punjab Assembly seats," Kejriwal said.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann said party candidates will be announced by the end of this month. About a month back, Mann had let it be known that the ruling AAP will contest all seats in Punjab.

Kejriwal took a dig at the Congress and SAD, saying neither the Akalis nor Congress took any step for the well-being of the people in their party rules. "If I ask you today, in 75 years, the Congress ruled for so many years, tell me one good work the Congress has done. You will not remember. If I ask you Akali Dal ruled for so many years, tell me one good work the Akali Dal has done, you will not remember," said Kejriwal.

Kejriwal's announcement will add to the turmoil in the opposition bloc. TMC chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has already said her party would go it alone in the state for LS polls.

Mann said the Centre has adopted a hostile attitude against all non-BJP-ruled states.

Curfew lifted in arson-hit Haldwani, CM says rioters will pay for damage

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

CURFEW was lifted from the outer areas of the violence-hit Uttarakhand town of Haldwani but it remains in force in the Banbhoolpura area that witnessed arson and vandalism by a mob over the demolition of an illegally built madrasa on Thursday.

A magisterial probe has been ordered into the incidents with instructions to conclude it within a fortnight.

The order issued by chief secretary Radha Raturi said the magisterial probe will be conducted by Kumaon Commissioner Deepak Rawat, who will submit his report to the government in 15 days.

Senior Superintendent of Police Prahlad Narayan Meena told the media that the mastermind behind this incident, Abdul Malik, who is named in the FIR, is currently being sought by the police. "Abdul Malik was the one who was responsible for the unauthorized construction in 'Malik ka Bagicha' and most of the resistance against the demolition was being led by him," said SSP Meena.

"The police have registered three FIRs regarding the entire sequence of events, and besides the five arrested, other offenders identified through CCTV footage will soon be arrested for stone-pelting and arson," said the police officer.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has reiterated his firm stance on dealing strictly with those involved in rioting and arson.

"Every single penny of the losses incurred will be reclaimed from the rioters responsible for damaging government and private property in Banbhulpura," he said.

Meanwhile, an interfaith prayer was conducted in Dehradun.

The curfew has now been limited to the entire Banbhoolpura area, which also includes the Army Cantonment (including workshop line)-Tikonia-Teenpani and the area within the peripheries of the Gaulapar bypass, the order said. The movement of vehicles on the Nainital-Bareily motor road and commercial establishments will be free from the restriction, it added.

However, only hospitals and medical shops will remain open in the areas where the curfew is in force. Shops on the outskirts of the town opened on Saturday following the partial lifting of the curfew, but schools remained closed.

Market wears a deserted look amid curfew at Banbhoolpura | PTI

Tribal districts top list of malnourished kids in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THERE are 1.36 lakh children registered as malnourished in Madhya Pradesh. Out of this total of 1,36,252 malnourished children, 29,830 (or 22%) are Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM), while 106,422 (or 78%) are Moderately Acute Malnourished (MAM).

These figures regarding the total number of malnourished children registered under the Mukhyamantri Bal Arogya Samvardhan Program until January 30, 2024, were provided by the state's Minister of Women and Child Development, Nirmala Bhuria, in response to a question posed by Congress MLA Atif Arif Aqeel in the Vidhan Sabha on Friday.

The majority of these malnourished children reside in the tribal-dominated districts of the state. It is noteworthy that the Mukhyamantri Bal Arogya Samvardhan Program, dedicated to children, was launched in 2021-2022 by the then Shivraj Singh Chouhan government.

A breakdown of the figures indicates that while the districts in western and southwestern Madhya Pradesh, predominantly inhabited by the Bhil and Bhilala tribes, have more SAM children, the eastern and southeastern districts, dominated by the Gond, Kol, Baiga, and Bharia tribes, have higher numbers of MAM and total malnourished children.

In the 11 districts of eastern and southeastern Madhya Pradesh, there are 34,490 SAM and MAM children, constituting around 25% of the state's total. In comparison, the 10 districts in western and southwestern Madhya Pradesh house a total of 32,306 SAM and MAM children, accounting for 23% of the state's total.

The western districts of Madhya Pradesh, encompassing the Indore and Ujjain regions, have a higher prevalence of SAM children compared to the eastern and even southeastern districts.

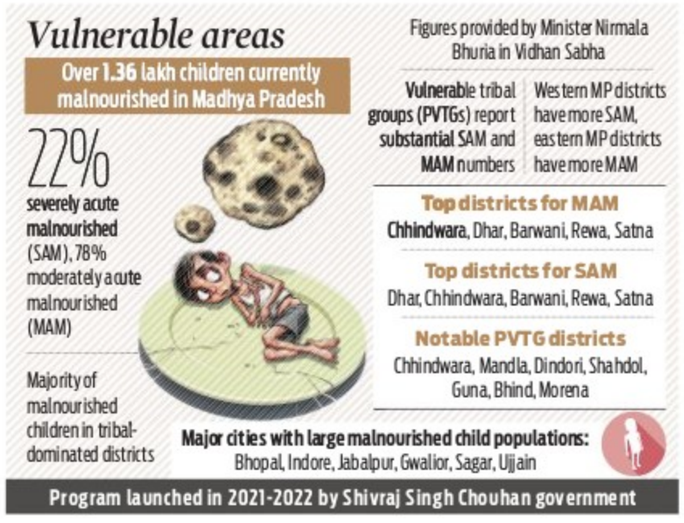
These 11 districts accommodate 8,101 SAM children, constituting 27% of the total 29,830 SAM children registered under the dedicated program for malnourished children.

Furthermore, districts housing particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs), including the Baiga, Bharia, and Saharia tribes, have reported substantial numbers of both SAM and MAM children.

The top five districts housing MAM children include Chhindwara (7,763), Dhar (7,313), Barwani (5,095), Rewa (3,986), and Satna (3,921). Conversely, the top five districts housing the most SAM children are Dhar (2,411), Chhindwara (1,864), Barwani (1,513), Rewa (1,453), and Satna (1,136).

Among the districts housing PVTGs, Chhindwara, dominated by the Bharia tribe, has 1,864 SAM and 7,763 MAM children registered under the state government's program.

In eastern Madhya Pradesh, among districts housing other PVTGs like the Baiga tribe, Mandla has 491 SAM and 1,671 MAM children, Dindori has 406 SAM and 992 MAM children, and Shahdol has 552 SAM and 2,145 MAM children.


Vulnerable areas
Figures provided by Minister Nirmala Bhuria in Vidhan Sabha
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22% severely acute malnourished (SAM), 78% moderately acute malnourished (MAM)
Vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs) report substantial SAM and MAM numbers
Western MP districts have more SAM, eastern MP districts have more MAM
Top districts for MAM
Chhindwara, Dhar, Barwani, Rewa, Satna
Top districts for SAM
Dhar, Chhindwara, Barwani, Rewa, Satna
Notable PVTG districts
Chhindwara, Mandla, Dindori, Shahdol, Guna, Bhind, Morena
Majority of malnourished children in tribal-dominated districts
Major cities with large malnourished child populations:
Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Sagar, Ujjain
Program launched in 2021-2022 by Shivraj Singh Chouhan government

All milk dairies in Indore asked to put in place fact-checking machines

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

Already declared India's cleanest city for seven straight years, Indore is now gearing up to ensure that its residents get unadulterated/uncontaminated and quality milk.

The Indore district administration on Friday decided to make installation of Fat Checking Machines compulsory at all dairies across the district – to ensure that the residents get the best quality milk from each dairy anywhere in the city.

"It has been decided that all dairies in Indore, which are selling milk to customers, will have to compulsorily install Fat Checking Machines. Soon a prohibitory order in this regard will be issued by the district administration under Section 144 CrPc," Indore district collector Ashish Singh told this newspaper on Saturday.

"All consumers/customers buying milk directly from dairies have the right to know about the actual quality/fat content of the milk they are buying. The use of Fat Checking Machine or Milk Fat Analyzer machines at all diaries directly selling milk to consumers will help the consumers to make informed decisions on whether to buy milk from a particular dairy or not, based on the results shown by the machines," Singh added.

However, the Indore district administration is yet to fix a deadline for installation of the Milk Fat Check Machines at all dairies.

According to informed sources, Indore houses around 1,500 milk dairies, which will have to compulsorily display the results of the Milk Fat Check on the dedicated machines.

Importantly, the dairies source the milk from villages of Indore and neighbouring districts. The milk sourced from farmers is collected at Collection Centers and only after the Fat Check of the collected milk samples, is the milk transported to the dairies to prevent adulteration of milk. But despite the existing practice, food department has been receiving complaints from consumers about adulteration.

On Friday, the Indore district administration also decided to draw a detailed database of all the shops operating in the city's famous food lane – the Sarafa Night Food Market.

"The detailed database will cover all possible details of each shop, particularly since how long those shops have been operating and what is being dished out by them. The database will be developed through a comprehensive survey which will go a long way to ensure safe food," Singh maintained.

Quality matters
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Sri.N.K.Vasanthakumar** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The original Sale deed, dated 22.09.1977 Doc.No.1263/1977-78 registered at Anekal Sub-registrar office, Bangalore, executed by Sri.Suryanarayana.D in favour of Sri.Venkatakrishna Reddy AND Sale deed dated 11.01.1983 Doc.No.1829/1982-83 executed by Sri.Venkatakrishna Reddy in favour of Sri.Y.Krishnareddy for the Property bearing Khaneshumari No.32, Khatha No.32, Form-9 & 11 Sl.No.65, Situated at Neriga Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 95 feet and North to South 75 feet, in all measuring 7125 sq.ft. are misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on 09.02.2024 vide No: 0925081/2024

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him /their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Khaneshumari No.32, Khatha No.32, Form-9 & 11 Sl.No.65, Situated at Neriga Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 95 feet and North to South 75 feet, in all measuring 7125 sq.ft. and bounded on East : Property belongs to Eranna & Road, West : Property belongs to Eranna, North : Property belongs to Eranna, South : Jagannatheshwara's property Khaneshumari No.33.

Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients propose to purchase the Schedule Property from the owners **(1) Mrs. KUSUMA T.N.,** W/o Late Rajanna Krishna Reddy Also known as Late Krishna Reddy, **(2) Mr. CHETAN REDDY R.K.** and **(3) Mr. DIVITH R.K.,** both sons of Late Rajanna Krishna Reddy Also known as Late Krishna Reddy. Residents of No.358, 8th Main Road, 4th Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore-560079.

Any person or persons having any manner of right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned along with the supporting legal documents **within Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which, our clients shall complete the sale transaction. Any Claims/ Objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Corporation No.358, PID No.16-1-358, Situated at West of Chord Road 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Bangalore, within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.16, Kamalanagar, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore together with the building thereon comprising of Ground Floor measuring 20 Squares and First Floor measuring 20 Squares built of Brick Wall with Cement, RCC Roofing, Teak/Jungle Wood doors and windows, Mosaic/Vitrified Flooring with water, light and sanitation and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and the building constructed on site measuring East to West : 40 Feet North to South: 57 Feet. Total Area : 2280 Square Feet and bounded as follows :

East by : Private Property (Old Site No.357)
West by : Private Property (Old Site No.359)
North by : Private Property (Old Site No.365)
South by : Road

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VEENA RAO
N. ASHOK KUMAR
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Bengaluru Date : 10-02-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients are intending to purchase Residential vacant

1. Sites bearing Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31 each measuring 5445 Sq. feet. in Sy. No. 35/5 converted land in Gidadakonenahalli Village, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk B'lore Urban District, BBMP Nos. 28/Sy. No. 35/5, 29/Sy. No. 35/4, 30/Sy. 35/7, No. 31/Sy. No. 35/6 together measuring 21780 Sq. feet. Bounded

Item No. 1:
East by : Mr. B. H. Madegowda's land.
West by : Mrs. Chennamma & children's land same Sy. No.
North by : Mr. Ram Kumar's land.
South by : Land in same Sy.No. for Temple.

Item No. 2.
East by : Mr. Dasegowda's land in same Sy. No.
West by : Mr. Gangappa's land in same Sy.No.
North by : Mr. Ram Kumar's land.
South by : Land in same Sy. No. for Temple.

Item No. 3.
East by : Mrs. Chennamma & children's land same Sy. No.
West by : Mr. Bhyrappa's land in same Sy. No
North by : Mr. Ram Kumar's land.
South by : Land in same Sy. No. for Temple and then land of Mr. Hanumanthappa.

Item No. 4.
East by : Mr. Gangappa's land.
West by : 40 feet wide B D A Road.
North by : Mr. Ram Kumar's land.
South by : Land in Sy. No. 35/3 for Temple.

From 1). Mrs. Thimmalakshmi, aged about 83 years, D/o. Late Venkataramanappa r/a No. 27, Rangappa Building, Dr. DVG Road, Basavanagudi, B'lore 04.
(2) Mrs. Hanumakka aged about 75 years, D/o. Late Venkataramanappa r/a Garadimane Street, Hombalammanapeta, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara, Karnataka 120
(3) Mrs. Venkatamma, aged about 74 years, D/o. Late Venkataramanappa r/a Bommanahalli, Hebbur Hobli, Sirivara, Tumkur District, Karnataka -120 all 3 daughters of Late Venkataramanappa
4) Mr. Rangaswamy, aged about 54 years,
(5) Mr. Raghu. D. aged about 42 years both sons of Late Dasegowda, both R/a Muddinapalya Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore 91
6) Mrs. Chennmma, aged about 68 years 7) Mr. Girish, aged about 44 years 8) Mr. Dasegowda, aged about 37 years, Wife & sons of Mr. Rangappa all r/a No. 239, Lakshmi Venkateshwara Temple Road, Muddinapalya, Vishwaneedam Post, B'lore 91
9) Mr. Hanumantharayappa M. R, aged about 42 years, S/o. Late Rangappa, r/a No. 85, Anjananagar, Magadi Main Road, B'lore 91.
10) Mrs. Gangalakshamma, aged about 57 years, 11) Mr. Ravikumar, aged about 35 years, 12) Jayarama G, aged about 34 years wife and sons of Late Gangappa r/a No. 229, Muddinapalya, Vishwaneedam Post, B'lore 91
13) Mrs. Kavitha. P. aged about 38 years W/o. Late. Hanumantharayappa G. r/a No. 85, Muddinapalya, Doddanna Circle, B'lore 91.
14) Mrs. M. N. Manjula alias Manjula S. Raj, aged about 64 years, W/o. Late K. S. Siddaraju r/a No. 1126, 3rd Main, F E Mahalkshmipuram Layout, B'lore 86

Any person having any right, title, interest and claim whatsoever over the Schedule property or any liability, may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice, otherwise my client shall proceed to complete the Sale transaction as if there are no subsisting claims or objections and that all such claims or objections not filed in time shall be deemed / presumed to have been waived and shall not be binding on my client.

Sd/- **B. B. Umadevi,** Advocate,
No. 715, 1st 'C' Main, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 070
Mob. 9343281627 Date: 10.02.2024

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

ಜಿ: ಯಾದಗಿರಿ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08443-256300
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ಸಂ: ನಸಯಾ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆ:ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ:2023-24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06-02-2024

-: ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :-

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ಇವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2023-24ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಮುಕ್ತನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಡ್ ನಂಬರ DMA/2023-24/SE2300 ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲನಲ್ಲಿ ಮ್ಯಾನ ಪವರ್ ಸಪ್ಲೈಯ ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ Standard Tender Document ಗಳ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.yadgircity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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3. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್/ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23-02-2024 ರಂದು ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
ನಗರಸಭೆ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/315/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ&ಎ/2023-24

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

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REPCO HOME FINANCE LIMITED

Repco Home Finance

BANGALORE BRANCH : No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru – 560 001

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas the undersigned being Authorised Officer of **Repco Home Finance Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice** dated **04-08-2023** calling upon the **Borrower: Mr.Arumugam Varadaraju Mudaliar,** S/o.Varadaraju Kandasamy, No.23, 6th Main Road, 10th Cross, H M T Layout, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. **Also at: Om Shakthi Enterprises,** No.29/3, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, Muninagappa Layout, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. **Also at: Sneha Saraswathi Apartments,** Flat No.SF-01, Second Floor, Shanpura Main Road, 5th Cross, Kasaba hobli, Bangalore-560032. **Co-Borrower: Mrs.Vijayalakshmi Arumugam Mudaliar**, W/o, Arumugam Varadaraju Mudaliar, No.23, 6th Main Road, 10th Cross, H M T Layout, R T Nagar, Bangalore- 560032. **Also at: Sneha Saraswathi Apartments,** Flat No.SF-01, Second Floor, Shanpura Main Road, 5th Cross, Kasaba hobli, Bangalore-560032. **Guarantor: Mr.Girish R,** S/o, Ramanna, No.24, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Sethappa Layout, Hebbala, Bangalore -560032. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 1121870003961** being **Rs.25,30,535/-** with further interest from **03-08-2023** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The **Borrower, Co-Borrower** and the **Guarantor** having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **06th day of February 2024.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Repco Home Finance Limited, No. 109, First Floor, A - Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bengaluru – 560 001** vide **Loan Account Nos. 1121870003961** for an amount of **Rs.24,44,723/-** with further interest from **28-06-2021** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at anytime before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing New municipal No.01, PID No.95-146-1 (Old Site No.01 formed out of property bearing No.5/1) Situated at Shampura village, Kasaba hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Now Known as 5th Cross, Muniverappa Layout, Bangalore ward No.95, Kavalbysarsandra Coming under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore mahanagara palika. Measuring:East to Wes on the Northern Side 49 feet on the Southern Side 59 feet and North to South: on the Eastern Side 116 feet on the Western Side 108 feet in all measuring 6048 Sq.Ft and **Bounded on the: East :** Road, **West:** Property Belongs to Sri. Narayanappa, **North :** Prperty Belonging to Sri.Munikrishnappa's, **South :** Road. **Schedule B Property :** 426.10 Sq.ft undivided share, Right, Title and interest in the schedule, "A' property), Schedule C Property : All that piece and parcel of residential flat/apartment bearing no.SF.01 on the Second floor, of the building known as SNEHA SARASWATI having a super built up area of 1052.12 Sq.ft constructed/formed out of the schedule A property with Mosaic flooring and steel windows. The Flat is provided with water. Electricity and sanitary connection and one car parking space in the building.

Date :06-02-2024

Authorised Officer,
Repco Home Finance Ltd.

IDBI BANK

CIN:L65190MH2004GOI148838

Mission Road Branch: Retail Recovery, 3rd Floor, No.58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027. Ph: 080-61451322/24/25/26.
Email: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Sale Through E-Auction Only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to **IDBI Bank Limited** (Secured Creditor), the constructive/Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDBI Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is on **14th March 2024,** for recovery of amount due to IDBI Bank Limited (Secured Creditor) for the below mentioned Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/Mortgagors.

Date and Time of Auction: 14th March 2024 from 10:00 AM to 1.00 PM
Last date of online submission of Bid : 12th March 2024 before 04:00 PM.
EMD Payment to be made into IDBI A/c No: 00834915010026; IFSC CODE: IBKL0000008 with relevant Bid Documents to reach us on or before 12th March 2024 before 04:00 PM to IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Recovery, 3rd Floor, No.58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027.
Minimum Bid increment: Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only).

Name & Address of the Borrower : Mrs.Rashmi Puravankara & Mr Girish Puravanakara, Row House No. 27, LGCL Bamboo Forest, Sy No. 138/1 &139, Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal, Bengaluru-560099 also at Villa No. 62-C, LGCL ASHLAR 52 Choodasandra, Kasavanahalli Main Road, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560099.

Demand Notice: 21-01-2023 **Possession Notice: 07-12-2023**

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 2,44,35,059/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand and Fifty Nine Only) as on 15-01-2024 together with further interest and charges thereon with effect from 15-01-2024. (less further payments , if any).

Property details : Schedule-A (Description of the entire property)All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing survey No. 138/1 (portion of old survey No.91), measuring 20 guntas and survey No.139 (old survey No.91), measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, now bearing Property No. 79/138/139 (as per Grama Panchayath Records), Property Unique No. 150200100500300085, issued by Shanthipura Grama Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, situated at Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring in total 2 acres converted for non-agricultural/industrial use, vide Official Memorandum dated 25-01-2010, in No.ALN(A)(S)SR:327/09-10, change of land use from industrial use to residential use vide Order dated 15-04-2010, in No.201/109-10/153/10-11, issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, vide No.NA.MA/Aa.SA/Aa.Aa.3/54/2010-11, dated 28-09-2010, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: East by: Government Road and remaining portion of Survey No.139. West by: Remaining portion of Survey No.138 belonging to Gowramma and Survey No.7 of Naganathapura Village belonging to Krishnareddy. North by: Gomal Lands and portion of survey No. 139. South by: Rayasandra Road Schedule -'B' (Description of the property hereby conveyed) Item No.1-All that piece and parcel of portion of the Schedule 'A' Property beneath the row house more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule 'C' here below and measuring in total 1208 square feet. Item No.2-All that piece and parcel of 3.06% undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property forming part of the club house, common area and facilities. Schedule -'C' (Description of the Row House being constructed on the Schedule 'B' Property) Row house bearing No.27 being constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property (demarked in the Annexed Plan) having a super built-up area of 2537 square feet, with marble flooring, including one half part between the external walls abutting the adjoining row houses and further a Terrace area of 442 square feet forming part of the project named as "LGCL Bamboo Forest", along with exclusive right to use and enjoy the open area in the front and rear of the row house measuring 57 square feet and 140 square feet respectively, along with one open car parking space and the row house bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Row house No.23, North by: Row house No.26, South by: Row house No.28.

Reserve Price: Rs. 2,55,00,000/- **EMD: Rs. 25,50,000/-**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer **Website of IDBI Bank Ltd i.e. https://www.idbibank.in/e-auction.asp** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved **service provider M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portals (www.foreclosureindia.com & www.bankauctions.in). E-Auction Tender Document containing online E-Auction bid cum declaration form, Price Confirmation Letter, Detailed Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in website (www.foreclosureindia.com & www.bankauctions.in) or for any other assistance email to info@bankauctions.in, Contact No's:+91-8142000061/62/64. **Banks Contact Numbers:- 1. Praveen Kumar M 080-61451322/24 (2) Vithal Koteswara Rao 080-45359607. Email Id: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in.** If the bid placed in the last 5 minutes before the closing of E-auction the bidding time will get auto extended by 5 minutes.

The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject the tender or bid, any or all the offers and has right to cancel or adjourn or postpone the auction without assigning any reason and also to modify any terms and conditions of this sale, without any prior notice.

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place: Bengaluru. **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 11-02-2024 **IDBI Bank Limited**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

SBI InCube Branch (11349)
(Formerly SME Bangalore Branch CBO Branch, Bangalore)
Local Head Office Complex , 2nd Floor, SPB Branch Building. Near Exit Gate-3, 65, St. Mark's Road, Bengaluru-560 001.

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER

UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED ACT)

At your request, State Bank of India has extended credit facility to you, **M/s. Srishaila Constructions Pvt Ltd** through its **InCube Branch, Bengaluru,** various credit facility by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the security agreement / documents executed by the borrower are furnished in the demand notice dated **07.02.2024.** The said financial assistance is also secured by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particular of the secured asset is specifically furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facility has become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **13.11.2023** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice Dated **07.02.2024** sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged by you, hence this notice is now published.

The earlier issued Demand Notice Dated 30.12.2023 & 02.01.2024 is hereby withdrawn

Adv: 31462606628/40634505899/39385047135.

Name and address of the Borrowers : M/s. Srishaila Constructions Pvt Ltd., # 515, 4th Floor, 4th Main, 1st Cross,1st Stage, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043. **Rep by its Managing Director: 1.Sri Rajendra Pokala,** S/o late P R K V Nagendra Rao, Plot No. B-198,Jala Vayu Vihar, Kalyan Nagar,Bengaluru 560043. Rep by its Director: **2. Smt Poornima Pokala** ,W/o Sri Rajendra Pokala,Plot No. B-198,Jala Vayu Vihar,Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043. **Mortgagor: 3.Late P R K V Nagendra Rao,** S/o late Raghupathi Rao, Plot No. B-198, Jala Vayu Vihar, Kalyan Nagar,Bengaluru 560043. Rep by his legal Heirs: **A.Smt Radha Pokala,** W/o late P R K V Nagendra Rao,Plot No. B-198, Jala Vayu Vihar,Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043., **B.Sri Rajendra Pokala,**S/o late P R K V Nagendra Rao, Plot No. B-198, Jala Vayu Vihar,Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043. **C.Sri Raghu Pokala** ,S/o late P R K V Nagendra Rao, Plot No. B-198,Jala Vayu Vihar, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043, **.D.Smt T Padmaja,** D/o late P R K V Nagendra Rao, Plot No. B-198, Jala Vayu Vihar, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043.

Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs.12,70,07,713-00 (Rupees Twelve crore seventy lakh seven thousand seven hundred thirteen only) as on 06.02.2024 and interest from 07.02.2024 with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental charges, costs, etc thereon.

Schedule of Property : PART I : Hypothecation of Movable Properties : Hypothecation Of Stocks, Receivables And Other Current Assets, Present & Future

PART II : Immovable Properties (Registered Mortgage):

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

1. All that part and parcel of Property of an extent of 355.55 Sq Yards of site together with RCC Ground floor house bearing Door No. 2-122/1, old Assessment No. 100008/71118, new Assessment No. 1086035456 covered by Sy. No. 288/P of Madhurwada Village, Plot No. 1237-HIG, situated at Madhurwada Village, Revenue Ward No. 5, within the limits of GVMC, Visakhapatnam, measuring on the North 40.00 feet (12.20 Mtr), on the east by 80.00 Feet (24.40 Mtr), on the South by 40 feet (12.20 Mtr), On the West by 80.00 Feet (24.40 Mtr) In all measuring 255.55 Sq Yards or 297.28 Sq Mtr, property standing in the name of late PRKV Nagendra Rao, S/o late Raghupathi Rao, Rep by his legal heirs: **Bound:** On the East by Plot No. HIG-1238, On the West by Plot No. HIG-1236, On the North by 100 feet wide Road, On the South by Plot No. HIG-1239.
2. All that part and parcel of Vacant Site Property measuring 450 Sq Yards equivalent to 376.259 Sq Mtr contained in Plot No.18, covered by Z Patta No. 149, S No. 200/4 and Z Patta 153, S. No. 200/3 of Madhurwada Village, within Madhurwada Panchayath Limits in Visakhapatnam Taluk and District, property standing in the name of Sri Rajendra Pokala, S/o late PRKV Nagendra Rao.
Bound: On the East by 30 feet Road, On the West by Gadda,On the North by Plot No. 19, On the South by Plot No. 17.
3. All that part and parcel of Property measuring 213 Sq Yards, bearing Plot No. 17, in Sy. No. 16/12, 13 and 14 Part, D. No. 2-152, situated in Jogavanipalem Village, Gajuwaka within the limits of GVMC, Visakhapatnam, property standing in the name of late PRKV Nagendra Rao, S/o late Raghupathi Rao, Rep by his legal Heirs:. **Bound:** On the East by 20 feet Road, On the West by House in Plot No. 6 belongs to Nunela Simhachalam,On the North by House of Dr. P N Janardhana Rao, On the South by House belongs to P Sankara Narayana.
4. All that part and parcel of Site Property measuring 709 Sq Yards, or 595.56 Sq Mtr out of 2002 ½ Sq Yards covered by Town Sy. No. 442 (Nearest Door No. 14-9-19/1), in Ward No.22, Block No. 9, Beach Road of Bheemunipatnam Town, Bheemunipatnam Municipality and Bheemunipatnam Mandal, of Visakhapatnam District, measuring, East to West :61 feet (18.605 Mtr), North to South 104.50 feet (31.872 Mtr,) 709 Sq Yards or 595.56 Sq Mtr Property standing in the name of Sri Rajendra Pokala, S/o late PRKV Nagendra Rao.
Bound: On the East by Remaining Vacant Site belongs to the Vendor,On the West by Vacant Site belongs to Rani Rukmini Devi, On the North by Remaining Vacant Site belongs to the Vendor,On the South by House belongs to Penmastha Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Raju.
5. All that part and parcel of Site Property measuring 272 Sq Yards, or 228.48 Sq Mtr out of 2002 ½ Sq Yards covered by Town Sy. No. 442 (Nearest Door No. 14-9-19/1), in Ward No.22, Block No. 9, Beach Road of Bheemunipatnam Town, Bheemunipatnam Municipality and Bheemunipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, measuring, East to West :20 feet (6.10 Mtr) , North to South 122 feet (37.21 Mtr,) 772 Sq Yards or 228.48 Sq Mtr Property standing in the name of Sri Rajendra Pokala, S/o late PRKV Nagendra Rao.
Bound: On the East by :20 feet Road,On the West by Vacant Site land belongs to Vendee P Rajendra and House belongs to Penmastha Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Raju, On the North by Remaining Vacant Site belongs to Vendees, On the South by Remaining Vacant Site belongs to Vendors.
6. All that part and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No. 515, CMC Khatha No. 1442, situated at Hennur Ballari Road, 1st Stage, 4th Block, Bengaluru formed by Bengaluru Development Authority Bengaluru measuring East to West (13.80 Mtr + 19.20 Mtr)/2 X North to South 24.40 Mtr totally measuring 402.60 Sq Mtr (4333.50 Sq feet) Property standing in the joint name of (1) Sri Rajendra Pokala, (2) Smt Poornima Pokala. Bound: On the East by Site No. 516, On the West by Road, On the North by Road, On the South by Site No. 514
7. All that part and parcel of land/Premises comprised in Sy. No. 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 12/1, 18/3, 18/4, 18/5, 19/2, 19/3, 19/4, 20/1, 20/2, 20/3, 20/4, 27/1, 27/2, 28 and part of 26/1 and 26/3 situated at Kacharkanahalli Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, conveyed by the Bengaluru Development Authority in favour of Airforce Naval Housing Board, New Delhi under the Registered Sale Deed which was registered as Document No. 198 of 1986-87 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru measuring 20 Acres and 34 Guntas together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath to above the surface and
Bound:, On the East by 80 feet Road, On the West by 40 feet Road, On the North by 60 feet Road, On the South by Sy. No. 29/1 & 40 feet Road
Schedule 'B' Property: All that part and parcel of undivided Share in the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 64.97 Sq Mtr and Apartment with a Super Built up area of 120.92 Sq Mtr inclusive of 13.99 Sq Mtr, Mosaic flooring, Honne Wood and Steel Windows with garage and numbered as Apartment No. 198 in the first floor in the Multi Storeyed Apartment known as Jal Vayu Vihar, Bengaluru, Property standing in the name of Smt Poornima Pokala. **Bound:** On the East by : Flat No. 199, On the West by : Unrestricted Common Area, On the North by : Restricted Common Area (Drive way), On the South by : Unrestricted Common Area.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act whereunder you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Date : **07.02.2024** **Sd/-**
Place: Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**
State Bank of India.

Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul

E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in, ☎: 06764 - 236404

O-2483 **SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE**

e-Procurement Notice for Bridge work in OdishaBid Identification No. Bridge Online AGL-45/2023-24

No.441// Dt. 8/2/2024

1. Name of the work : Bridge works
2. Total No. of work : 1 No.
3. Estimated cost : Rs.622.98 Lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : 'A' & Special Class
5. Period of completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Available of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & TIme of seeking tender clarification	Date & time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Bridge Online-AGL-45/2023-24	12.02.2024 at 10.00 A.M	19.02.2020 up to 4.30 P.M	17.02.2024 up to 1.00 P.M	19.02.2024 up to 05.00 A.M	Will be intimated separately

(1) For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

OIPR-25180/11/0065/2324

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul

Government of Odisha
Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul

E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in, ☎: 06764 - 236404

SHORT TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR ROAD & BRIDGE WORK IN ODISHA

O-2484 **Bid Identification No.Road Online AGL-44/2023-24**

No.433 // Dt. 8/2/2024

1. Name of the work : Road works
2. Total No. of work : 1 No.
3. Estimated cost : Rs.562.34 Lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Available of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & TIme of seeking tender clarification	Date & time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Road Online-AGL-44/2023-24	12.02.2024 at 10.00 A.M	19.02.2020 up to 4.30 P.M	17.02.2024 up to 1.00 P.M	19.02.2024 up to 05.00 P.M	Will be intimated separately

For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

OIPR-25180/11/0064/2324

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR

No. 740 / Date.06.02.2024

O-2490 **"e" Procurement Notice for Road Works**

1.	Name of the Work	:	Road Works under MMSY-TRIP
2.	Total No. of works	:	09 Nos. of Road works under MMSY
3.	Estimated Cost of the package	:	Varies from Rs.421.11 lakhs to Rs.1093.56 lakhs
4.	Class of Contractor	:	
	a)Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 lakhs up to Rs. 3.00 Crores	:	**B class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing outhorities
	b)Estimated cost more than Rs. 1.00 Crores up to Rs. 20.00 Crores.		**A class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authoritties
	c)Estimated cost more than Rs. 6.00 Crores up to Rs.50.00 Crores	:	**Special Class** (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder		The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.06 of 2024	13.02.2024 at 11.00 AM	27.02.2024 Up to 5.00 PM	28.02.2024 at 11.00 AM	To be intimated lateron

Further details can be seen from the web site **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/-Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar OIPR-25194/11/0003/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAJPUR.

AT/PO- Chandikhol, PO- Sunguda, Jajpur -754024, Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email-serw_kpd@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online RCK - 03/ 24 **Letter No.:964** **Date:-05.02.2024**

O-2504 **e-Procurement NOTICE**

1. Name of the work : Building & Road works in the Dist. of Jajpur for the year 2023-24.
2. Class of Contractor : as specified in the column **6 of the Annexure.**
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the **Column-7 of the Annexure.**
4. Detail Projects : **As per Annexure attached**
5. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identifica-tion No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seek-ing tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engi-neer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur	Tender Online RCK -03 / 24	13.02.2024 At 11.30 A.M	04.03.2024 to 5.00 P.M	04.03.2023 up to 02.00 P.M	06.03.2024 At 11.30 A.M	To be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-Chief Construction Engineer
Rural works Circle, Kendrapara-Jajpur OIPR-25129/11/0061/2324

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58 CYBER ATTACKS

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GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	10	-4	SNY	Los Angeles	19	17	SNY
Colombo	32	23	TDS	Melbourne	36	19	SNY
Dhaka	22	14	SNY	Moscow	-1	-3	WI
Dubai	24	12	TDS	New York	10	4	SNY
Houston	16	14	SNY	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	17	11	LR	Toronto	4	-1	SNY
London	10	5	SNY	Washington	12	6	LR

Pak army chief backs Nawaz Sharif's call to form coalition govt

Efforts to form unity govt gained momentum after PML-N chief appealed to other political parties to join hands

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE

PAKISTAN'S powerful army chief Gen Asim Munir on Saturday urged the country's polarised political leadership to form a "unified government of all democratic forces", as he backed ex-premier Nawaz Sharif's plea to his rivals to help form a coalition government after the general elections appear to have produced a hung Parliament.

Efforts to form a unity government gained momentum after the three-time former prime minister Sharif, who seems to enjoy the backing of the Pakistan Army, on Friday appealed to other political parties to join hands to pull cash-strapped Pakistan out of its current difficulties.

Independents backed by jailed former prime minister Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party won the lion's share of 101 seats in the National Assembly in Thursday's election. Khan's party has already clai med victory in the elections.

The group was followed by Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) with 73 seats, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) with 54, Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) with 17 and 11 other seats going to smaller parties, as the result of 257 seats out of 265 was announced by the Election Commission of Pakistan.

To form a government, a party must win 133 seats out of 265 in the National Assembly. Election to one seat was postponed after the death of a candidate. Overall, 169 seats are needed to secure a simple majority out of its total 336 seats, which include the reserved slots for women and minorities.

Votes are still being counted after the general election which was marred by allegations of rigging, sporadic violence and a countrywide mobile phone shutdown. On Saturday, a statement attributed to Gen Munir said, "Pakistan's diverse polity and pluralism will be well-represented by a unified government of all democratic forces imbibed with national purpose."

Meanwhile, Khan, 71, in an AI-generated audio-video message on Saturday claimed victory in the general elections.

He thanked the people for voting for PTI and also asked them to ensure the sanctity of their votes was not hijacked by the establishment.

PTI Central Information Secretary Raoof Hasan said the party had already started the consultation process on its fut'ure course of action. However, he added, physical meetings have not been possible since most elected candidates are either in jail or underground. He warned that any attempt to derail the people's decision would have 'deadly consequences'.

Meanwhile, analysts noted that even if Sharif's PML-N and the PPP led by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari get a majority of the remaining seats of the results yet to be announced they will still require support from other winning parties/independents to form a government. The two parties are making efforts to form a coalition government. PPP chief Bilawal, 35, and his father Asif Ali Zardari held separate meetings with 74-year-old Nawaz Sharif and his younger brother Shehbaz. *PTI*

Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz supporters gather at the party headquarters in Lahore a day after the national elections | AFP

> **Pakistan's diverse polity and pluralism will be well-represented by a unified government of all democratic forces imbibed with national purpose** — Statement attributed to General Asim Munir

Supporters of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf protest outside an election commission office in Karachi on Saturday | AFP

PTI issues ultimatum on declaring election results

ISLAMABAD

DECLARING that it would form the government both at the centre as well as in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces, Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf party on Saturday asked the election commission to announce complete results by midnight or face protests in areas where results were still awaited.

However, within hours of issuing this statement, party workers at Peshawar and Karachi embarked on loud protests complete with sloganeering and waving of party flags.

Two days after the polling was held, the results were not yet complete and the country appeared headed to a hung Parliament or a coalition government.

PTI chief Gohar Ali Khan accused the Election Commission of Pakistan of failing to play its constitutional role to announce results on time. *PTI*

Khan gets bail in military installation attack cases

Islamabad: An anti-terrorism court on Saturday granted bail to jailed former Pakistan premier Imran Khan in 12 cases linked to the May 9 attacks on military installations by his supporters following his arrest in an alleged corruption case. ATC Judge Malik Ejaz Asif granted bail to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder Khan after fulfilling a surety bond of Rs 0.1 million in all 12 cases, including the General Headquarters (Pakistan Army) and Army Museum attack. The court said there was no justification to keep Khan, 71, under arrest as all accused in May 9 cases were on bail. Khan will remain in jail as he is convicted in many other cases. The court's order came a day after independents backed by Khan's party won nearly 100 seats in the National Assembly. PTI

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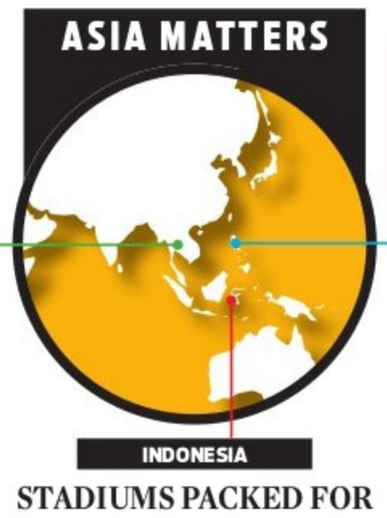

THAILAND

BANGKOK CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR

A riot of scarlet lanterns hung over the red-clothed crowds offering candles as they murmured prayers at a traditional temple in Bangkok to celebrate Lunar New Year. Millions of Thai-Chinese marked the occasion with parties, family meals and visits to many of the shrines dotted around Chinatown. The old streets in the capital's downtown came alive on Saturday afternoon, with many curious tourists and happy devotees. There is a long history of Chinese migration to Thailand, with Thai-Chinese people accounting for roughly 10 per cent of the population. *AFP*

INDONESIA

STADIUMS PACKED FOR ELECTION RALLIES

Over 1 lakh people filled a Jakarta stadium on Saturday for a huge rally in support of Indonesian presidential election front runner Prabowo Subianto, days ahead of one of the world's biggest one-day votes. Thousands also turned out for the final rallies of his rival candidates, ex-provincial governors Anies Baswedan and Ganjar Pranowo. *AFP*

PHILIPPINES

QUAKE HALTS SEARCH AT LANDSLIDE SITE

A strong earthquake in the southern Philipppines on Saturday halted a search for scores of people believed buried in a deadly landslide, forcing rescuers to vacate the area, officials said. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage from the magnitude 5.8 quake that shook the Mindanao region, but rescuers were ordered to stop their search in the remote gold-mining village of Masara. A massive landslide buried a bus terminal and 55 houses near a gold mine on Tuesday night, killing 28 people, mostly miners, and leaving 32 injured. At least 77 people remain missing. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Houthis say 17 fighters killed in US strikes

SANAA: A total of 17 Houthi fighters were killed in US strikes, the Iran-backed Yemeni rebel group said through its official media Saturday, following public funerals in the capital Sanaa. The United States confirmed on Thursday that its military had conducted a number of strikes against missile launchers as Houthi fighters prepared to launch them in the Red Sea. AFP

Myanmar junta enforces military service law

SANGON: Myanmar's junta is enforcing a law allowing the military to summon all men aged 18-35 and women aged 18-27 to serve for at least two years, it said on Saturday, as it struggles to crush opposition to its 2021 coup. The country has been in turmoil since the military seized power that year, with massive pro-democracy protests morphing into widespread armed resistance. AFP

Rafah ops may result in heavy casualties, Hamas warns Israel

GAZA STRIP

GAZA'S Hamas rulers warned on Saturday that Israel's planned army operation in overcrowded Rafah could cause "tens of thousands" of casualties in the city that has become the last refuge for displaced Palestinians. Even before such an operation, Israel pounded Rafah with strikes after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the military to set its sights on the southern city.

Netanyahu on Friday told officials to "submit to the cabinet a combined plan for evacuating the population and destroying the battalions" of Hamas in Rafah, only hours after US President Joe Biden issued his strongest criticism of Israel's response to the October 7 attack. The plan drew condemnation from the office of Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas.

"The Israeli occupation's move threatens security and peace in the region and the world. This is a blatant violation of all red lines," it said in a statement.

Saudi Arabia on Saturday warned of a "humanitarian catastrophe" if the plan went ahead. Riyadh's foreign ministry strongly rejected "forced deportation," and called for the United Nations Security Council to intervene.

The war in Gaza was sparked by Palestinian Islamist group Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of about 1,160 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official figures. Vowing to eliminate Hamas, Israel launched a massive military offensive in Gaza that the territory's health ministry says has killed at least 27,947 people, mostly women and children. Militants seized 250 hostages, 132 of whom are still in Gaza although 29 are presumed dead, Israel has said. *AFP*

GAZA TOLL SO FAR

28,337

The Gaza Health Ministry said on Saturday that the bodies of 117 people killed in Israeli airstrikes were brought to hospitals over the past 24 hours, mostly women and children.

The ministry said over 67,000 people have been wounded.

Israel's army has deployed AI-enabled military technology in combat in Gaza. A senior defence official said the tech was destroying enemy drones and mapping Hamas's vast tunnel network in Gaza

'Human catastrophe'

Saudi Arabia said on Saturday that Israel's planned invasion in overcrowded Rafah would cause a "humanitarian catastrophe" and called for the United Nations Security Council to intervene.

Six-year-old Gaza girl found dead days after pleading for help

GAZA STRIP: Six-year-old Hind Rajab pleaded to be rescued, after her family's car came under fire in war-ravaged Gaza City, leaving her alone, frightened and injured, surrounded by the bodies of her dead relatives. "I am so scared," she had said in a desperate phone call to the Palestine Red Crescent Society. "Call someone to come get me, please." But after more than two weeks of frantic efforts to reach her, Hind's body was recovered on Saturday, alongside relatives and two PRCS rescue workers sent to find her. The aid agency and the health ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip confirmed the grim discovery, and blamed Israeli forces.

44 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes in Rafah

RAFAH: Israeli airstrikes killed at least 44 Palestinians ' including more than a dozen children ' in Rafah on Saturday, hours after Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked the military to plan for the evacuation of thousands of people from the southern Gaza city ahead of a ground invasion. He did not provide details or a timeline, but the announcement set off widespread panic. Over half of Gaza's 2.3 million people are packed into Rafah. Israel says that Rafah, which borders Egypt, is the last remaining stronghold for the Hamas militant group in Gaza, after over four months of war sparked by the October 7 Hamas attack. AP

Seven killed in Russian drone strike on Kharkiv

KYIV

A Russian drone strike on Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, killed at least seven people overnight, including three children, Kharkiv region governor Oleh Syniehubov reported on Saturday.

He said the Iranian-made Shahed drone hit civilian infrastructure in the Nemyshlyan district on the city, causing a massive fire that burned down 15 private houses. Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said more than 50 people had been evacuated and that emergency workers had contained the blaze by Saturday morning.

The Ukrainian air force said air defense systems destroyed 23 out of 31 Iranian Shahed drones launched by Russia overnight. The drones primarily targeted the northeastern Kharkiv region and the southern province of Odesa, the statement said. Odesa regional governor Oleh Kiper said four people were injured there by the overnight drone attacks.

The attacks came in three waves, he said. The first targeted the regional capital ' the port city of Odesa. All nine drones were shot down, but the debris damaged port infrastructure and injured one person.

The second and the third waves targeted port infrastructure in the Danube river area, Kiper said. A total of 12 drones were shot down and three people were injured. *AP*

IN DEEP DEVOTION

People offer prayers on the first day of the Lunar New Year of the Dragon at Lama Temple in Beijing, China | AFP

'Indo-Pacific Strategy made US more secure, prosperous'

WASHINGTON

THE US has said the execution of its Indo-Pacific Strategy in 2022 amidst the strategic competition with China, has made the country and the dynamic region more secure and more prosperous, and expanded the bilateral partnership with India in unprecedented ways.

Addressing the media on the second anniversary of the launch of the landmark foreign policy strategy of the Biden administration, Adrienne Watson, a spokesperson for the National Security Council of the White House, said "the United States has never been in a stronger position in the Indo-Pacific".

White House fights back against age comments in Biden probe

WASHINGTON: The White House launched a fierce pushback on Friday against a brutal special counsel report portraying Joe Biden as elderly and forgetful, describing it as a political hit-job on the president in an election year. US Vice President Kamala Harris called the stinging report "politically motivated".

"Over the past two years, we have made historic progress in advancing an Indo-Pacific that is free and open, connected, prosperous, secure, and resilient. Thanks to President Biden's leadership, the United States has never been in a stronger position in the Indo-Pacific," she said.

In the two years since the launch of the Indo-Pacific Strategy, the US has reinvested and revitalised its alliances and partnerships and taken them to new heights, Watson said.

"We have deepened and elevated alliances with Japan, the Republic of Korea (ROK), Australia, the Philippines, and Thailand. We upgraded our bilateral relationships with Vietnam and Indonesia, and our partnership with ASEAN.

"We have expanded our partnership with India in unprecedented ways. We have surged our efforts in the Pacific, including with two historic summits for Pacific Island leaders at the White House and the establishment of the Partners of the Blue Pacific," she said.

The United States is an Indo-Pacific nation. As the most dynamic and fastest-growing region on earth, the Indo-Pacific is an essential driver of America's future security and prosperity, the state department said in a fact sheet. *PTI*

S Korea's Yoon tells Marines to 'act first, report later'

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol told his Marine Corps on Saturday to "act first, report later" if provoked, following an escalation of threats from North Korea. Nuclear-armed North Korea has this year declared South Korea its "principal enemy", closed agencies dedicated to reunification and outreach, and threatened war over "even 0.001 millimetres" of territorial infringement.

Leader Kim Jong Un repeated on Friday that Pyongyang would not hesitate to "put an end" to South Korea if attacked, calling Seoul the North's "most dangerous and first enemy state and invariable archenemy".

The hawkish Yoon has bolstered defence cooperation with the United States and Japan since coming to office in 2022, including expanding joint drills, to counter Pyongyang's growing threats.

"If the enemy provokes us, adhere to the principle of 'act first, report later' and respond decisively without hesitation to completely shatter the enemy's will," Yoon said during a visit to a front-line Republic of Korea Marines Corps unit. *AFP*

1.46% sequential growth telecom industry recorded in adjusted gross revenue to ₹55,583 crore in the second quarter of FY24, TRAI data showed

Centre-state tax sharing row: No problem with formula, say experts

Based on 15th FC's suggestion, 41% of Centre's divisible tax pool allocated to states

COMPOSITION OF REVENUE FOR SOUTHERN STATES (%)

States	OWN TAX REVENUE	OWN NON-TAX REVENUE	DEVOLUTION	GRANT IN AID
Andhra Pradesh	50	7	20	23
Karnataka	73	5	16	6
Kerala	60	16	13	12
Tamil Nadu	67	7	15	10
Telangana	61	11	10	19

STATES' SHARE IN CENTRE DEVOLVED TAX REVENUE

% share

KEY POINTS

41%: THE PERCENTAGE OF CENTRE'S TAX POOL TRANSFERRED TO STATES

25%: PROPORTION OF CESS AND SURCHARGE IN CENTRE'S TAX COLLECTION

45%: WEIGHTAGE GIVEN TO INCOME DISTANCE FOR DECIDING THE DEVOLUTION PROPORTION TO STATES

15%: WEIGHTAGE GIVEN TO STATES' POPULATION

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the general elections, southern states – Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu – continue to express their dissatisfaction over the allocation of tax revenue by the Centre.

According to them, their share in the central taxes has been decreased by the 15th Finance Commission. Recently, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on an X post said under the 14th Finance Commission (2015-2020), Karnataka received 4.71% of the tax share, which was reduced to 3.64% by the 15th Finance Commission (2020-2025), a decrease of 107 basis points.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharman refuted these states' claims saying the Centre has no discretion in allocating funds to the states and it is done on the recommendations of the Commission, which is a constitutional body.

Currently, based on the 15th Finance Commission's suggestion, 41% of the Centre's divisible tax pool is yearly allocated to the states in 14 installments over the span of 2021-22 to 2025-26. The contentious issue, though, is the formula used to distribute this amount among different states. Among the different criteria used by the Commission, high weightage is given to income distance, the distance of the state's income from the state with the highest income, and population. This means that poor and highly populated states of UP (18%) and Bihar (10%) together receive 28% of the devolved tax amount meant for all states. This leaves developed and lowly populated states like Tamil Nadu (4.2%), Karnataka (3.65%), Telangana (2.13%), Andhra Pradesh (4.11%) and Kerala (1.96%) with smaller share of funds received from the Centre.

Experts are divided in their opinion about the current controversy over tax devolution. While some claim politics in distribution of resources to states, others argue that the allocation is fair and logical.

According to Professor Arun Kumar, former economics professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), there is no problem in the devolution method. The problem, he says, is elsewhere. "The main grievance of southern states is that they are being punished for controlling their population – population being one of the key criteria for deciding the tax devolution formula. However, developed and industrialized states must realise that we are one market, and industrialised states also benefit from higher devolution to poorer states, which are the consuming states," says Prof Kumar.

Lekha S Chakraborty, a professor at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) argues the intergovernmental fiscal transfers are based on a scientific formula. However, the weightage and the choice of variables in the formula affect the interstate share."If more weightage is given to distance criterion (per capita income), it can penalise the states that are growing fast. Similar is the case with population criterion, as states which controlled the population get penalised. So the balance between equity and efficiency in fiscal transfers' formula is very significant," she says.

The states have also raised the issue of higher tax collection by the Centre through Cess and Surcharge. It must be noted here that the Centre collects nearly 25% of its tax revenue in Cesses and Surcharges, which are not shared with the states. However, the Centre has argued that a large part of the Cess collection comprises GST Compensation Cess, which go entirely to the states.

"While the problem is not Finance Commission devolution, which allows 41% devolution to states, the problem is states are not getting even the 41% as recommended by the Finance Commission because Centre collects a substantial part of its tax revenue through cess and surcharge, which are not shared with the states. Centre is notional and states are real. But states are only getting 32-33% of the taxes collected by the Centre," said Prof Kumar.

Politics in distribution

Kumar says there is politics in the way the rest of the amount (amount left after devolution to states) that the Centre is using. The BJP-ruled Centre is investing more in BJP-ruled states and non-BJP ruled states are being treated unfairly. Kumar feels the states must get more autonomy and there should be higher devolution of taxes to states. "I think states must get 65-70% of the taxes collected by the Centre," he says.

However, the Centre has countered the allegation of politics behind distribution of resources. According to it, Karnataka has received revenue deficit grant of ₹1,631 crore recommended by the 15th FC. Similarly, Kerala, another southern state, has received revenue deficit grants based on the recommendation of the 15th FC. However, other states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Bihar didn't receive any revenue deficit grant whatsoever – hardly a discrimination against any region or party in power.

According to Professor Charan Singh, CEO, EGROW Foundation, India has a high level of imbalances in economic growth due to varying cultural, institutional, historical and infrastructural developments in different states. The Finance Commission has a difficult task of attempting to address these vertical and horizontal imbalances despite deploying various parametric benchmarks.

Tightrope walk for 16th FC

Amid the latest row over distribution of resources with states, the 16th Finance Commission will have to do a balancing act. The 16th Finance Commission will cover the period from 2026 to 2031.

Chakraborty says the decision by the 16th Finance Commission in terms of choice of variables and the weightage given to the variables matter, and the bargaining power of the states is high, especially South Indian states in this regard.

NEWSCOPE

WHERE DO THE CHILDREN PLAY? IT'S ALL ABOUT SAVING A RACECOURSE

GURBIR SINGH

At a talk on the challenges of Climate Change by environmentalist Sunita Narain in Mumbai, an agitated citizen from the audience threw her off gear by demanding to know whether, in the midst of all the big issues , was there any hope to stop the eclipse of the city's largest open space – the Mahalaxmi Race course.

Quickly recovering, Narain, who was focusing on the changing weather patterns and air pollution, urged that Mumbai's large environmentally conscious people could put an alliance together to foil the government's dark designs.

Easier said than done. It's going to be a tough fight. The 211-acre racecourse administered by the Royal Western India Turf Club (RWITC), has existed since 1883 and is in the heart of the island city. One can imagine the hundreds of developers eyeing this mouth-watering expanse of land!The original lease expired in 2013, and the lessee, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)now wants it back. The plan is to allow horse-racing on 91 acres, while 120 acres will be reclaimed by the municipal corporation.

It all started with the BMC crudely talking of creating a 'theme park' and then an 'amusement park'. Stung by the criticism, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has now said he wants to merge the racecourse land with the open spaces created along the Coastal Road along Worli to create something in line with New York's Central Park or London's Hyde Park.

What Mumbaikars fear is it all starts with promises of a 'Central Park'. Then there will be demands to build supporting shops and toilets. And hey presto! Then there will be malls. For starters, the BMC wants to construct a tunnel which will link a 175-acre green zone along the coastal road at Worl to the Racecourse's 'amusement park'!

For now, everything is up in the air. There seems to be no coherent plan; and the state government has ominously told the Bombay High Court that it not bound by commitments, and the final call on what to do with the land will be taken by the Maharashtra Government. Picture abhibakihai!

Quality of life

Mumbai's is at the bottom of the heap compared to other cities. On a Sunday, its stressed populace, craving to catch a breath of fresh air, can be seen mobbing popular points like the Gateway of India, Juhu Beach or the Byculla zoo. It is painful to watch the mela-like scenes where people yearning

SOURAV ROY

for space, find themselves drowning in a cacophony of crowds, horns and street vendors.

Quality of life cannot only be judged by the income a person earns. His access to recreation, public spaces and gardens are also key in the urban jungle. In this regard, Mumbai, over-built and concretized, offers the ordinary citizen, living out or 200 sq feet chawl or slum tenements, a quality of life little better than a dungeon.

It could have been otherwise. Mumbai has 16 kilometers of beaches that can offer an unbridled access to the Arabian sea. Unfortunately these are giving way to construction and disuse. Few know Mumbai has 4 rivers flowing through it – the Mithi, Oshiwara, Dahisar and Poisar, which have for all practical purposes have 'disappeared'. If rejuvenated and cleaned and freed of encroachments, these can yield 81 kms of riverfront for walking and cycling. Mumbai's creeks and mangroves can provide 34 kms of promenade. These have been mapped in a study called 'Open Mumbai' by city planner and architect P.K.Das.

The reality today, is Mumbai has probably the least open space among mega cities. Compared to London's 33 percent open space, New York's 27 percent and Singapore's 40 percent, Mumbai's open space is just 2.5 percent of the city's land area. New Delhi's forest and green areas cover 23 percent. Put it another way: London has 31.68 square meters of open space per person, New York 26.4 square meters. In comparison, Mumbai has just 1.58 square meters of open space per person.

Air and water

The tragic irony is the municipal corporation has now redefined 'open spaces'. It has lumped areas such as terrace gardens, traffic islands and even the divider space between roads as 'open spaces' and lo behold, Mumbai now stands abreast with Singapore!

Now, coming back to Sunita Narain and the connection between open spaces and controlling air pollution. Speaking at the Darryl D'Monte memorial lecture in Mumbai last Saturday, Narain said the Yamuna was virtually dead for Delhi as its oxygen level, because of the waste it has saturated, is 'zero'. The Mithi river in Mumbai too is but a winding stream of garbage.

"While the rich can tackle the problem of polluted water with bottled water, the same can't be said of polluted air. Air is something that cannot be bottled. Rich and poor have to breathe the same air, and it is time we clean up," she said.

The reason why saving the Mahalaxmi Race Course in Mumbai is so important is that it is part of the green lungs of the city. As the debate revs up, lets recall British singer-songwriter Cat Stevens' old lines:

I know we've come a long way
We're changing day to day
But tell me, where do the children play?

EPFO HIKES INTEREST RATE ON EPF TO 8.25% FOR FY24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Retirement fund body EPFO on Saturday fixed interest rate of 8.25% on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2023-24.

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) had increased the interest rate on EPF marginally to 8.15% in March 2023 for 2022-23 from 8.10% in 2021-22.

In March 2022, EPFO had lowered the interest rate on EPF for 2021-22 to an over four-decade low of 8.1% from 8.5% in 2020-21.

This was the lowest since 1977-78, when the EPF interest rate stood at 8%.

According to a statement by the labour ministry, the decision to hike interest rate for 2023-24 was taken at 235th meeting of Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of EPFO on Saturday, under the chairmanship of Union Labour & Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav.

Matrix Clothing buyout brings customers, opens new mkt: Gokaldas

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU-based apparel manufacturer Gokaldas Exports has said its recent acquisition Matrix Clothing brings a stronger position in the knits category, introduces new customers, improves geographical spread to Europe and complements its investment in fabric processing.

Responding to analysts' query, vice-chairman and MD of the company Sivaramakrishnan Ganapathi said products that Matrix clothing sells have better realisation, and therefore, it expects better margins.

Gets access to knitwear

Through this deal, Gokaldas receives access to knit apparel business segments, a mutually exclusive global customer base, greater access to European and the UK markets

"They have also worked with premium customers. And that's the reason why they have a much higher FOB (Freight-on-Board) value as compared to most of the list manufacturers. ...there is further possibility of improvement in EBITDA margins given the product profile that exists. And it is our endeavour to further take it up," says the MD of Gokaldas Exports.

Gokaldas Exports recently signed a pact with Matrix Clothing Private Limited (MCPL) to acquire 100% of equity share capital of Matrix Design & Industries for an enterprise value of ₹489 crore. The acquisition would be partly (₹247.5 crore) funded by way of preferential allotment of shares of Gokaldas Exports through share swap.

The Matrix Clothing group is a manufacturer of men's, ladies', and children's knitwear apparel for several global brands across Europe, the UK, and North America. The group operates out of Gurgaon, Haryana and has five manufacturing facilities (4 in Gurgaon, Haryana and 1 in Ranchi, Jharkhand).

Through this deal, Gokaldas receives access to the knit apparel business segments, a mutually exclusive global customer base, greater access to European and the UK markets, geographical diversification and low-cost capacity expansion potential in the future.

S Ganapathi says Gokaldas' existing knit fabric mill would complement Matrix as some of the fabric output of Gokaldas' knit mill can be utilised as a good portion for Matrix's own consumption.

Inauguration of Central Sterile Services Department and skills lab at AIIMS Nagpur

The state-of-the-art Central Sterile Services Department (CSSD) and Skills Lab at AIIMS Nagpur was inaugurated at the hands of Hon'ble Union minister of Health & Family Welfare; Government of India, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya today, 3rd of February. in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), Health and Family Welfare, Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel and Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar; and Executive Director, AIIMS Nagpur, Prof (Dr) M Hanumantha Rao, virtually, during a formal ceremony and address at AIIMS Jodhpur. The inauguration program at AIIMS Nagpur started with an address by Dean Academics, Dr Mrunal Phatak to the assembled students, faculty and staff. Also, present at the event, were DDA, Mr Vijay Nayak; SE, Col. Nikhil Pandey; Dean (Research), Dr Pradeep Deshmukh; Dean (Student Welfare), Dr S P Dubashi and Hospital Administrator, Dr Nitin Marathe.

Business & Beyond

Bank of Maharashtra posts highest growth in deposit mobilisation among PSU banks in Q3

Bank of Maharashtra (BOM) has recorded the highest growth rate in terms of deposit mobilisation among public sector lenders at a time when most lenders are facing difficulty in achieving double-digit growth. Out of 12 public sector banks, only BOM and State Bank of India could log a double-digit growth in deposits in third quarter ended December 2023. Bank of Maharashtra has reported a 17.89% growth in deposits followed by SBI at 12.84% during the quarter.

CLW surpasses previous highest production 500th& 501st WAG-9 HC TWIN locomotive, flagged off

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), thePremier Electric Locomotive Production Unit of Indian Railways, has achieved the remarkable milestone,on 31-01.2024, for the first time in the CLW history. Locomotive production has crossed 500 in a year. Previous best production of CLW was 486 locos in the year 2021-22. The 500th& 501stlocomotive, WAG-9 HC TWIN was flagged company.

Sri Satish Krishna Sail assumes office as Chairman of KSMCA

Bengaluru: Sri Satish Krishna Sail, Hon'ble MLA, Karwar Assembly Constituency, assumes Office as the 29th Chairman of KSMCA, the only State Govt. owned enterprise in the field of advertising in the country. Sri Siddalingappa B. Pujari, Managing Director, KSMCA and senior officers of the Company were present on the occasion. Speaking to media he expressed gratitude to the Government of Karnataka for appointing him as chairman to such a prestigious institution. He also said he would give assurance of capably carrying out the responsibility of ensuring comprehensive progress of the company entrusted to him by the State Government. He informed that his vision and aim was to ensure support of Govt for all round growth of the company in a timely manner and would work in an honest and transparent manner.

Vedanta Lanjigarh Embraces the Spirit of Giving

Odisha: Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, India's premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina and a part of Vedanta Aluminium, recently celebrated the joy of giving withthelocal community in Lanjigarh. To nurture inclusive growth and strengthen Vedanta's spirit ofserving and connecting with the localcommunities around its operations, Mr. Pranab Bhattacharyya, CEO of Vedanta Lanjigarh,and his colleagues set outfor a bounteous journey to 5 different villages, reaching out to over 500 community members. The day was celebratedon a heartfelt note with underprivileged families,bysharingnew clothes and blankets, nourishing meals, sports equipment and gear, with chocolates & snacks for children, free health check-ups,while engaging in various fun activitiessuch as dancing and singing with the community members.

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2. ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮಠ ಪೀಠಾಧಿಪತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಭುದೇಂದ್ರ ತೀರ್ಥರು ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯಂ ತಾಲೂಕ ಎಮ್ಮಿಗನೂರು, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ: ಕರ್ನೂಲ್ ಆಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರದೇಶ – 518345.
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ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ

ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ತೀರಿಸಿದ ಕೇಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾದಿಗಳು ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಗಂಗಾವತಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಆನೆಗುಂದಿಯ ನವವೃಂದಾವನ ಗಡ್ಡಿ ಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮೂಲ ವೃಂದಾವನ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಯತೀರ್ಥರಂದು ಘೋಷಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ರಘುವರ್ಯರ ತೀರ್ಥರೆಂಬ ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ ನಂ.1 ಹಕ್ಕುಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯವನ್ನು ಅಸಮರ್ಥನೀಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾನೂನುಬಾಹಿರವೆಂದು ಘೋಷಿಸಲು ವಾದಿಗಳು ದಾವೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಗಂಗಾವತಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಆನೆಗುಂದಿಯ ನವವೃಂದಾವನ ಗಡ್ಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಯತೀರ್ಥರ ಬೃಂದಾವನವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀರಘುವರ್ಯರೆಂದು ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರು, ಅನುಯಾಯಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಳುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರು ದಿನನಿತ್ಯದ ಪೂಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರಾಧನೆ ಮಾಡದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಭಂದಿಸಲು ಈ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಕಾರಣ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11-03-2024 ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11ರಂದು ಗಂಗಾವತಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿವವರು ಅಥವಾ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ತಕರಾರು ಏನಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಕ್ಷಗಾರರಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ಸೇರಬಹುದು.

ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಸೆಹ ಮತ್ತು ಸೀಲ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07-02-2024ರಂದು ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase the agricultural land morefully described in the schedule and hereinafter call the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from the owner of the property **Sri M.A. DEVRAJ** S/o late Aswathappa residing at No.30, Jalapathy Street, Devanahalli Town Bengaluru Rural 562110, general public here by informed that any person having any Right/Title/ Claim/Sale/Sale Agreement/ Gift/ Mortgage/Charges/Liens/Lispendencess/ Encumbrance/Inheritance/Possession or Claiming any rights against the Schedule Property are send their objections along with the documentary proof to the undersigned either in person or through RPAD to reach the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of notice. The objections received after the stipulated period shall not be considered and my client proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing old Sy.No.44/4 new Sy.No.44/1 measuring to an extent of **07 (Seven) Guntas** situated **Akkupet Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** and bounded on

East by : **Property belongs to Sri Basavaraj**
West by : **Prasanna Halli Road**
North by : **Property belongs to Sri Subbanna**
South by : **Road**

K.V. Jayaram, B.Sc.,LL.B. Advocate,
No 23, Elite Rose Layout, Devanahally - Sulibele Road, Devanahally Town, Bangalore Rural Dist
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POSSESSION NOTICE-IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The under signed being the Authorized officer of **The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** no 172, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bnaglore-560020, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Intrest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) raed with rule 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated 13.09.2023 to the borrow **Smt. Huchamma** W/o Late. Byrappa calling upon to repay the loan amount of Rs.5,95,635/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five only) as on 11.09.2022 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the entire loan amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public general that the under signed has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said rules.

The borrower in particular and the public in general here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Nehrunagar Co-Operative Bank Limited. **Borrower : Smt. Huchamma W/o Late. Byrappa, loan Account No. 201200000566**. Demand Notice dated 13.09.2023 Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Final Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, Total Amount Due: 6,28,023/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand And Twenty Three only) as on 06.02.2024

Description of property: All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Old No.09, New Municipal No.13/1, V ' A' Main Road Agrahara Dasarahalli, Magadi Road, BBMP Ward No.2, Then 16, Now 21, Bangalore. PID No.21-83-13/1.

Measuring : East to West 19' ft. and North to South 43 ft.

Bounded on **East By:** Property bearing No.10, **West by:** Property Bearing No.79, **North by:** Property of Muniyappa, **South By:** Road.

FOR THE NEHRUNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED
Authorized Officer

Place: Bangalore Date.09-02-2024

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Short Term Tender Notification

Through e-procurement

Tender has been invited for the following work in Two cover system throughe-procurement. Eligible tenders may obtain the details and tender documents and submitted the filled tender online through website view.http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Chitradurga Taluk 07 Works Rs. 1061.71 Lakhs, Hiriyur Taluk 03 Works Rs. 277.94 Lakhs, Holalkere Taluk 02 Works Rs. 371.32 Lakhs, Hosadurga Taluk 04 Works Rs. 221.08 Lakhs AND Molakalmur Taluk 01 Works Rs. 243.50 Lakhs Last Date for Receipt of Bids Dt: 19.02.2024, Date of Technical Bid Opening 20.02.2024 and Date of Financial Bid Opening 21.02.2024. For Further details Office of Executive Engineer and also through e-port web site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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Email : cb3221@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Jigani Branch** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **12/03/2024**, for recovery of **Rs.81,60,377.20** (Rupees Eighty One lakhs Sixty thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven and Paise Twenty only) as on 04**/02/2024** with further interest and charges thereon due to the **Jigani(3221)** of Canara Bank from **Borrower/s Mr.Mallikarjuna Setty R and Mrs.Sujatha N W/O Mr.mallikarjuna Setty R** The reserve price will be **Rs.48,27,000/-** (Rupees Fourty Eight Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,82,700/-** (Rupees **Four Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand and Seven hundred** only).The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **11/03/2024** at 4.00 PM.

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any:
Name of the Owner/Mortgagor: Mr.R.Mallikarjuna Shetty S/o R Satyanarayana Shetty

Sl No.	Immovable	Name of Title holder
1	**Schedule 'A' Property: Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village,Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by :Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, West by: Land in Sy.No.6, North by:Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by: Land in Sy.No.122 **ITEM NO.2:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 10 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by :Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by : Land in Sy.No.106, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1 **ITEM NO.3** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 29 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1 **ITEM NO.4:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 15 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:East by:Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1 **ITEM NO.5:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 15 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:East by:Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1,North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1 **ITEM NO.6:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 14 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:East by:Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1. **ITEM NO.7:**All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 14 Guntas in the Survey Number 7/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by:Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by :Remaining Land in same Sy.No.8 **ITEM NO.8:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas in the Survey Number 8 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on : East by:Land in Sy.No.102/1 & 102/2, West by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, North by: Remaining Land in same Sy.No.7/1, South by : Land in Sy.No.9 **ITEM NO.9:** All the piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 2 Acres 20 Guntas in the Survey Number 102/1 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by:Land in Sy.No.101, West by: Land in Sy.No.8, North by: Land in Sy.No.103 & 106, South by : Land in Sy.No.102/2 **ITEM NO.10:** All the piece and parcel of residentially converted property Survey No.106, measuring 2 Acres 01 Gunta situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.107, West by: Shamanna Land, North by: Yashodamma Land, South by : Land in Sy.No.102/1 **ITEM NO.11:** : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 1 Acre 17 Guntas and 1 Gunta Kharab in the Survey Number 107 situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:East by: Land in Sy.No.106, West by: Land in Sy.No.7/1, North by: Land in Sy.No.121, South by : Land in Sy.No.102/1 **ITEM NO.12:** All that piece and parcel of residentially converted property, measuring 23 Guntas and 1 Gunta Kharab in the Survey Number 121/1 (Old Sy No.121) situated at Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on:East by:Land in Sy.No.120,West by: Land in Sy.No.122, North by:Land in Sy.No.121/2, South by:Land in Sy.No.106/107. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of residential Plot bearing No.49 and forming part of Schedule A property, carved out of residentially converted Survey Number 7/1, in the Layout known as 'MANAR PURE EARTH' and measuring East to West 12 Mtrs and North to South 9 Mtrs, totally measuring 108 Sq.Mtrs (1163 Sqft) and bounded on :East by: Site No.66, West by: Road, North by: Site No.50, South by : Site No.48 **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY:** Residential Independent Villa No.49 constructed in Schedule B property measuring 1838 Square Feet of Super built up area.	Mr. R. Mallikarjuna Shetty S/o R Satya-narayana Shetty.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact **Authorised Officer, Jigani Branch,APC Circle, Jigani Industrial Area, Bengaluru– 560105. Telephone Nos.9483523221, e-mail:** cb3221@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 05.02.2024

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Ref:REC/eAuction/1516/2023-24 **Date: 09.02.2024**

VEHICLE AUCTION SALE NOTICE

OFFERS ARE INVITED FROM PUBLIC FOR PURCHASE OF BELOW MENTIONED VEHICLES TO BE AUCTIONED BY CANARA BANK REGIONAL OFFICE NORTH, BENGALURU-560 001.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable property/ies Hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Regional Office Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, will be sold on **"As the condition where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 22.02.2024,** for recovery of dues mentioned below (with further interest and charges there on) due from the Regional office Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, of Canara Bank from the respective borrowers.

Sl No	Dp Code	BRANCH NAME	Name of the Borrower	Vehicle Make & Model	Registration No.	Reserve Price (in Rs)	EMD Amount	Bid factor amount	Contact Details
1	2891	Bagalagunte	Asha	Sml Isuzu Ltd 2019	KA51 AD 4932	690000	69000	5000	Branch Manager, 8856013403
2	10459	Banaswadi	Velladurai	Nissan Xv 2016	KA 01 AG 2372	171000	17100	5000	Branch Manager, 9902314748
3	10679	Chikkabanavara	Sumanth	Swift Dzire Tour 2016	KA04 AB 1155	365000	36500	5000	Branch Manager, 7259204591
4	10679	Chikkabanavara	Bharathi	Maruthi Ritz Ldi 2016	KA04 AA 9088	160500	16050	5000	Branch Manager, 7259204591
5	10458	Ganganagar	Shiva Kumar S	Mahindra Kuv 100 Nxt K8 2018	KA02 MN 7853	318000	31800	5000	Branch Manager, 9883195729
6	3043	Hennur Road	Nagaraja H K	Ford Figo Aspire 2017	KA03 AE 4308	180500	18050	5000	Branch Manager, 8610909126
7	10444	Jalahalli	Yanadaiah	Swift Dzire Tour 2016	KA 04 AB 0281	145000	14500	5000	Branch Manager, 7354742159
8	10423	Kg Halli	Akthar Ali Shaike Hussain Bee	Tata Indica 2016	KA 03 AD 4473	64800	6480	2000	Branch Manager, 9620994171
9	2699	Sanjay Naggar	Pattapi Raman	Tata Indigo Ecs Lx Tdi Lmv(Yellow Board) 2016	KA03 AE 4627	291600	29160	5000	Branch Manager, 9959344493
10	2699	Sanjay Naggar	N Lingaraju	KWID(Yellow Board) 2017	KA-02 AG-0396	400500	40050	5000	Branch Manager, 9959344493
11	2699	Sanjay Naggar	Anand G E	Nissan Sunny Dci Xl 2017	KA 05 AG 5242	352800	35280	5000	Branch Manager, 9959344493
12	2615	Vidyaranyapura	Santhosh N	Tata Indica 2010	KA 50 3870	40500	4050	1000	Branch Manager, 9491312499
13	2615	Vidyaranyapura	Mahesh	Renault Duster RXL Dckhsraws 2015	KA04 MR 0161	310000	31000	5000	Branch Manager, 9491312499
14	2615	Vidyaranyapura	Basheer Ahmed	Ape Xtra LD BS3 Piaggi, 2015	KA04 AA 6246	110000	11000	5000	Branch Manager, 9491312499
15	1702	Vivekananda Nagar	N Shiva kumar	Honda Amaze 2017	KA01 AH 5931	252000	25200	5000	Branch Manager, 6309252161
16	10491	Yelahanka	Bore Gowda	Hyundai Xcent 2019	KA50 A 9894	373500	37350	5000	Branch Manager, 8892794323
17	10491	Yelahanka	Vishwanath	Maruti Swift Dzire 2015	KA50 A 2671	324000	32400	5000	Branch Manager, 8892794323

1. The Earnest Money Deposit stated above shall be deposited on or before 21.02.2024 by 4.00 PM. The EMD amount has to be paid by Demand Draft (DD) favouring Canara Bank, Regional Office Bengaluru North, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/IMPS) to Account No.209272434 (IFSC CodeCNRB0006929) of Canara Bank, RO Bengaluru North, Bengaluru.

E-Auction of vehicles will be held on 22.02.2024, between 2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M by the service provider.

Interested bidders can inspect vehicles on or before 21.02.2024 between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM during working days and satisfy themselves about the vehicles before submission of the bid.

2. The intending bidder should submit the KYC Documents along with the bid application.

3. Successful bidder has to remit the balance amount within 7 days from the date of E-Auction, otherwise the EMD amount will be forfeited and will not be refunded under any circumstances. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to bear all the charges for conveyance, transfer registration charges, etc., as applicable.

Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.

4.For further details, please contact Senior Manager Recovery Section Canara Bank, Regional Office Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, **(Contact No- 080-22118974)** during office hours on any working day.

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No.NHP/TSSW/NCB/01/RSS PH-II/2023-24 **Date: 09.02.2024**

Online tenders are invited through e-Procurement mode for the work of **"Reservoir Sedimentation Studies of Major & Medium Projects - (Phase-II)"** for Nagarjuna Sagar Project, Nizamsagar Project, Sripada Yellampally Project & Kaddam Project under National Hydrology Project from reputed firms in India. Detailed tender document will be available on e-procurement portal i.e. **https://tender.telangana.gov.in/** from **12/02/2024 @ 3.00 PM** to **12/03/2024 up to 3.00 PM,** Last date and time for bid submission: **12/03/2024 by 3.00 P.M.**

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(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & Website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates.

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Contempt petition (C) No.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) No.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **JANATA DAL (SECULAR)**
*Name of the Election : **ELECTION TO MEMBER OF KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY**
Name of State/UT : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency: **BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY**
Name of the candidate : **A P RANGANATHA**

Sl.No			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a	Nature of the offences	Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P. Act.
	b	Case Number	PCR No.10252/2022 C.C.No.18618/2022
	c	Name of the Court	I Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.
	d	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Not yet
	e	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable
	f	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g	Any other information required to be given	Took part in giving a press note along with the like-minded persons on 30.05.2022 in front of City Civil Court, Bangalore, to voice disconcertment against the Text Book Revision Committee, with respect to the chapters of Kuvempu, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and Basavanna were missed out in the Text books, for the same the PSI of Halsuru Gate Police has filed a Private Complaint No.10252/2022 before the Learned I Addl.C.M.M. Bangalore, under Section 200 of C.P.C. seeking permission to investigate for the alleged commission of offences under Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P.Act
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate: Selection shall be within reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls Sri.A.P.Ranganatha is a practicing Advocate and serving the party and Society at large having social concern, he was former President of Advocates' Association Bangalore. He is in public life since 29 years. So he is the eligible candidate.		
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates		He is more qualified, competent & considering his services to the Party and to the Society at large

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President, Janata Dal (Secular)
Bangalore

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Declaration about criminal antecedents of Candidates set up by the party;
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Sl. No	Name of Constituency	Name of the Candidate	(A) Pending criminal cases		(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences		
			Name of Court case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offences (s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment imposed
1	BANGALORE TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCY	A P RANGANATHA	I Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore. PCR No. 10252/2022 C.C.No. 18618/2022 Pending Stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Crl. Ptn. No. 7488/2023	Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P.Act. Took part in giving a press note along with the like-minded persons on 30.05.2022 in front of City Civil Court, Bangalore, to voice disconcertment against the Text Book Revision Committee, with respect to the chapters of Kuvempu, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and Basavanna were missed out in the Text books, for the same the PSI of Halsuru Gate Police has filed a Private Complaint No.10252/2022 before the Learned I Addl.C.M.M. Bangalore, under Section 200 of C.P.C. seeking permission to investigate for the alleged commission of offences under Section 188 of IPC and 103 of K.P.Act	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Gukesh beats Carlsen, joint second after Day 1

GM D Gukesh threw one salvo after another to beat World No 1 Magnus Carlsen of Norway, Levon Aronian of Armenia and eventually world champion Ding Liren of China on the first day of the Weissenhaus Chess Challenge that got underway in Wangels (Germany). Gukesh ended the day with three points and is in joint second place in the rapid section.

India hosting four ATP Challengers is a welcome boost for the players. The tournaments could potentially help the players climb the rankings table and get a chance to feature at Majors as **Swaroop Swaminathan** finds out...

INDIA RISING TO THE CHALLENGER

INDIAN tennis has quietly enjoyed a few good weeks. Rohan Bopanna became the oldest first-time World No. 1 in the sport. Sumit Nagal advanced to the second round of the Australian Open; a first by an Indian since he himself did it at the US Open in 2020. At the ongoing WTA $125,000 event in Mumbai, the unseeded Sahaja Yamalapalli (No. 336) took down top-seed Kayla Day (No. 92) in the opening round.

On Sunday, Nagal can keep this run going if he wins the ongoing Chennai Challenger. If he does it, he will become the first from the country, man or woman, to break into the top-100 since Prajnesh Gunneswaran did it before the pandemic.

Of even more importance is the four-week Challenger swing in India. It began in Chennai this week and will conclude in Delhi next month. Up for grabs is 375 points. That India is hosting four ATP Challenger (the second rung just below the ATP Tour) has been well received by the players. It's the first time that the country is having four in a single year since 2015.

1) Players in action at the ongoing ATP Challenger in Chennai. 2) Saketh Myneni & Ramkumar Ramanathan beat Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli & N Kaliyanda Poonacha 3-6, 6-3, 10-5 in the doubles final on Saturday | MARTIN LOUIS

No of Challengers in India since 2023	
2013	0
2014	5
2015	4
2016	2
2017	2
2018	3
2019	2
2020	1
2021	0
2022	2
2023	3
2024	4

$133,250 Total prize money for the Chennai 100 Challenger (roughly ₹1.06cr)

RANKING POINTS ON OFFER OVER THE NEXT MONTH

Feb 5-11: Chennai 100*
Feb 12-18: Bengaluru 100
Feb 19-25: Pune 100
Feb 26-Mar 3: Delhi 75

*Ongoing

Why is it important?

Consider the example of Jannik Sinner, who won the Australian Open last month. In 2019, Italy hosted as many 18 Challengers in a single season, with a very young Sinner winning two of those meets (out of the 18, Italians won as many as eight). It allowed a number of Italians to make the top-100 in a very short period. When you make the top-100, it's almost like entering inside a special club inside the world of professional tennis. Access to better coaching, clarity with respect to plans, affording a full-time coach on Tour, not needing to play qualifiers of tournaments, especially at the Majors.

During this time, Sinner's ranking received a significant boost; outside the top 750 to inside the top-100. Another player to have rapidly climbed the ascent was Lorenzo Musetti. Here's what Musetti had told this daily about the Italian Federation's behind the scenes work that made them one of the best countries with respect to having young players knocking on the door of the top-100.

"We are one of the best countries in the world," he had told this daily when he had to come play in the Pune Open in 2022. "I'm very proud to be part of it."

Sunday Special

From the beginning of 2017 till January 2022, the country had hosted 95 Challengers. In the process, the number of players in the top-100 doubled from four to eight. Crucially, these weren't veterans. Out of the eight in the top-100, three were 25 or under. They have kind of shown that the model is sustainable. In 2024, there are four Italians in the top-100 who are 22 or below. A fifth, Luca Nardi, will join them if he manages to beat Sumit in the final on Sunday. But it's not like Indian players will emulate the Italian system overnight. It will take time, money, patience and trial and error.

"It's fantastic for the players," says Nandan Bal, chairman of the All India Tennis Association's (AITA) selection committee. "Four Challengers back-to-back gives the players an opportunity to pick up points." Considering they don't need to travel, it results in significant savings. They can also expect to be given wild-cards; a luxury they won't normally get when they travel overseas.

Here's another example. India is hosting four Challengers, which means at least eight wild-cards to players from the country (plus more at the qualifying level). The little things go a long way. Here's Nagal. "It's a very nice opportunity (for Indian players)," he had said after his quarterfinal on Friday. "I have always spoken about the need of more tournaments in India. It's a great thing. If you have few Futures (ITF World Tour; the lowest rung on the professional circuit) and Challengers throughout the year, it will really help tennis." Easier said than done. It's not that state associations (or the AITA) don't want to host international level events. The cost factor means not many can afford it. "You are talking about ₹50 lakh plus more if there's hospitality as part of the package', for an ATP 50 event (50 ranking points for the winner)," Bal says.

Events supported by ATP

This is where the ATP have come in. It's understood that they have supported all four tournaments. "We attended an ATP conference last year. They were happy with what we did last year so they wanted us to host more Challenger events and in a swing system (back-to-back meets), says Sunder Iyer, an All India Tennis Association (AITA) administrator. The 'we' here refers to Snil Yajaman (representing KSLTA), Hiten Joshi (TNTA) and himself (MSLTA). In fact, going forward, do not be surprised if Challenger events in India have ATP 150-175 level tournaments.

Sunder also shares a screenshot of what the ongoing WTA 125 event has done to the ranking of Indian women's players. As many as five of them will have an NCH (New Career High) next to their name come Monday morning.

Nagal himself will have an NCH next to his name in a day's time. As long as he manages to beat Nardi, it will be on the right side of the 100. "This is the best I have felt, physically and mentally," he said after his win over Dalibor Svrcina on Saturday.

It's a feeling Indian tennis will echo too.

Kohli out of series, recovering Rahul drafted in squad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

VIRAT Kohli will not feature for the duration of the India - England Test series. This was the main piece of selection news as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the 17-man squad for the remaining three Tests of the series. "Virat Kohli will remain unavailable for selection for the remainder of the series due to personal reasons," a BCCI press release stated while announcing the team. "The Board fully respects and supports Mr. Kohli's decision." It's the first time that Kohli will not feature in a multi-match Test series since making his debut in 2011.

As expected, both KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja, players who missed the second Test at Visakhapatnam with niggles, could be in line for an immediately recall at Rajkot. However, they will have to be cleared by the BCCI medical team. If Rahul is cleared, he is expected to replace Shreyas Iyer in the XI. Shreyas, considered as one of the better batters of spin in the line-up, has been left out. If Rahul is not cleared and the hosts want to stick to the same combination, Sarfaraz Khan could make his debut in Rajkot.

Banking on young guns

Shubman Gill, another batter who was feeling the pressure in Vizag, had come up with a match-winning contribution. So, he retains his place and will likely come in at No. 3. An immediate area of concern for the team will be a very greenhorn looking middle-order, especially if Rahul does not pull through.

In such a scenario, both Rajat Patidar — the debutant from Vizag — and Sarfaraz may well feature in the XI.

The squad the BCCI has named is further evidence of them looking to move away from the likes of Cheteshwar Pujara (a name they may well revisit in the days to come) and Ajinkya Rahane. While Rahane's struggles have extended to the Ranji Trophy, Pujara is flourishing for Saurashtra. He began this year with an unbeaten 243 in Rajkot — venue for the third Test — in January before a 91 to close out January. While he was dismissed without opening the scoring against Maharashtra, he made a 100 against Rajasthan a few days ago.

Pacer Siraj returns

In terms of the bowlers, Mohammed Siraj, rested for the second game, is back in. While there are no asterix next to Jasprit Bumrah's name, it won't be a surprise if he's rested for either the fourth or the fifth Tests. The management is conscious of his workload management and they will be mindful of the upcoming assignments which include a T20 World Cup in under four months.

One pacer who will remain unavailable is Mohammed Shami. The pacer, who set the pulses racing during last year's World Cup, picked up an ankle injury late last year. In terms of new faces, Bengal's Akash Deep, who possesses a first-class average of 23.18 across 29 games, has been included at the expense of Avesh Khan.

SQUAD FOR THE FINAL THREE TESTS

Rohit Sharma (c), Jasprit Bumrah (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul*, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (wk), KS Bharat (wk), R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja*, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Akash Deep

** Subject to fitness clearance from BCCI medical team*

EXPRESS READ

AFCON: Nigeria aim to deny hosts Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN: Victor Osimhen's Nigeria stand in the way of Ivory Coast in Sunday's Africa Cup of Nations final, as the tournament hosts aim to complete the most remarkable of turnarounds. Nigeria are hoping to win their fourth title, and in doing so match the tally of Ghana.

B'luru Open: Ramkumar gets wild card entry

BENGALURU: Ramkumar Ramanathan, India's second-highest-ranked player, was on Saturday granted a wild card entry into the singles main draw of the Bengaluru Open, starting February 12. Ramkumar had lost in the first round of the ongoing Chennai ATP Challenger.

Nikhat, Panghal storm into Strandja finals

SOFIA (BULGARIA): Two-time world champ Nikhat Zareen and CWC gold medallist Amit Panghal headlined Indian boxers' march into six finals at the 75th Strandja Memorial Tournament here. Nikhat (50kg) beat Zlatislava Chukanova by 5-0 verdict.

INDIA VS AUSTRALIA

CHASING RECORD SIX

It's a final between India and Australia. The young and enthusiastic bunch of U-19 boys will clash for the age-group's ultimate prize — the U19 World Cup — in Benoni in South Africa on Sunday.

- Comparing two finals is always a sacrilege but avoiding a mention of the November 19 final between the two nations' senior teams for the ODI World Cup too is not possible as India's loss is still vivid. The rivalry will definitely be intense as India chase record sixth win.
- Captain Uday Saharan has put to rest any such comparison. "We are not thinking about revenge. We are firmly focussed on present and we neither want to dwell on past or look too far ahead," he reportedly told PTI Bhasha in Benoni
- India U-19 had beaten Australia in the 2012 and 2018 finals, and will again start favourites during this edition's title match.
- From 2016, India U-19s have played all the finals, winning the 2018 and 2022 editions while losing in 2016 and 2020.

INDIA: Uday Saharan (C), Arshin Kulkarni, Adarsh Singh, Rudra Mayur Patel, Sachin Dhas, Priyanshu Moliya, Musheer Khan, Aravelly Avanish Rao (WK), Saumy Kumar Pandey (VC), Murugan Abhishek, Innesh Mahajan (WK), Dhanush Gowda, Aaradhya Shukla, Raj Limbani, Naman Tiwari.

AUSTRALIA: Hugh Weibgen (C), Lachlan Aitken, Charlie Anderson, Harkirat Bajwa, Mahli Beardman, Tom Campbell, Harry Dixon, Ryan Hicks (wk), Sam Konstas, Rafael MacMillan, Aidan O'Connor, Harjas Singh, Tom Straker, Callum Vidler, Ollie Peake.

LIVE Hotstar at 1pm

Karnataka on top after TN batting collapse

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

SATURDAY belonged to Karnataka as they first put up a challenging score (366) and later had Tamil Nadu reeling on the mat at 129 for 7 in 56 overs on the second day of the Ranji Trophy Elite 'C' group, sixth round match being played at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.

Karnataka expected Devdutt Padikkal, who had hit 151 on the opening day, to put up a mammoth score, but the star batter was out the second ball of the day, caught and bowled by Pradosh Ranjan Paul at his overnight score itself.

Thereafter, youngsters Hardik Raj (51) and S Sharath played sensibly. Hardik added 41 runs with Sharath for the seventh wicket that helped the visitors cross the 300-run mark. Later, Sharath, with the tail, managed to take Karnataka past 350. Chasing 366 on a deteriorating surface is not an easy task. But Tamil Nadu, instead of playing to their strengths, made a false start by changing the successful opening combination.

In the previous round against Goa, Tamil Nadu opted for S Lokeshwar and N Jagadeesan at the top of the order and the pair did well then. But for the home game, they chose Vimal Khumar and N Jagadeesan instead. Vimal could neither adjust to the surface or the bowling and perished very soon. Jagadeesan followed him soon as he fell to the guile of Shashi Kumar to be trapped in front. In-form Pradosh could not do much either as he lasted just 15 balls for 5 runs. Tamil Nadu never really recovered after that. Hardik bowled in tandem with Shashi and picked up a couple of wickets including the prized wicket of R Sai Kishore at a crucial stage. "I feel there was a little more extra turn and bounce on the wicket, but I feel they also could have applied better," said Hardik, on how the wicket behaved on Saturday. Karnataka captain Mayank Agarwal also did well to shuffle his bowlers and maintain the pressure. His field settings were precise and the bowlers, too, responded to the challenge to give their best.

Karnataka players celebrate a wicket against TN on Saturday | D SAMAPTHKUMAR

At Raipur: Mumbai 351 in 101.4 ovs (P Shaw 159, B Lalwani 102; A Chouhan 6/105) vs Chhattisgarh 180/4 in 66 ovs. **At Guwahati:** Assam 405 in 121.4 ovs (A Thakuri 115; Sakibul Gani 4/91) vs Bihar 134/5 in 46 ovs (Mukhtar Hussain 3/16). **At Thumba:** Kerala 363 in 127.3 ovs (S Baby 124, A Chandran 106; S Ahmed 4/73) vs Bengal 172/8 in 49 ovs (A Easwaran 72; Jalaj Saxena 7/67). **At Viziangaram:** Andhra 261 in 95.1 ovs (R Bhui 94) & 19/1; 4.3 ovs vs UP 198; 51.5 ovs (A Juyal 60; KV Sasikanth 5/54). **At Chennai:** Karnataka 366 (D Padikkal 151; A Ram 4/75) vs TN 129/7 in 56 ovs (N Jagadeesan 40; S Kumar 3/41).

SELECT SCORES

With the experienced B Indrajith batting on 35 and with three wickets in hand, Tamil Nadu will be hopeful of getting as many runs as possible on Sunday and reduce the deficit. "I don't think there is any particular reason for the collapse (batting). It happens in one game. We have been batting well so far in the tournament, so today (Saturday) was a bad day for us," said Ajith Ram, who took four wickets for Tamil Nadu.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Harmanpreet's double hands India 4-1 victory

AGENCIES @ Bhubaneswar

SKIPPER Harmanpreet Singh slammed a brace as the Indian men's hockey team outplayed Spain 4-1 in a FIH Pro League match here on Saturday.

Harmanpreet converted a penalty corner in the seventh minute before scoring from the spot in the 20th minute.

Jugraj Singh also converted a penalty corner in the 24th minute while Lalit Kumar Upadhyay scored a field goal in the 50th minute to register the easy win for India.

Spain's lone goal came from a penalty-stroke conversion by Marc Miralles in the 34th minute. The match also marked veteran midfielder and former captain Manpreet Singh's 350th international game after he made his India debut in 2011.

Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (2nd L) rejoices after scoring the 4th goal against Spain on Saturday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Spain started on a positive note, enjoying ball possession in the first five minutes but failed to create any clear-cut chances.

Qatar beat Jordan to retain Asian Cup with Afif hat-trick

AGENCIES @ Doha

HOSTS Qatar retained the Asian Cup with a 3-1 win on Saturday against surprise packages Jordan with Akram Afif the home hero with a hat-trick of penalties.

It was a fitting final act to a month of football that began with 24 teams and witnessed a series of dramatic games.

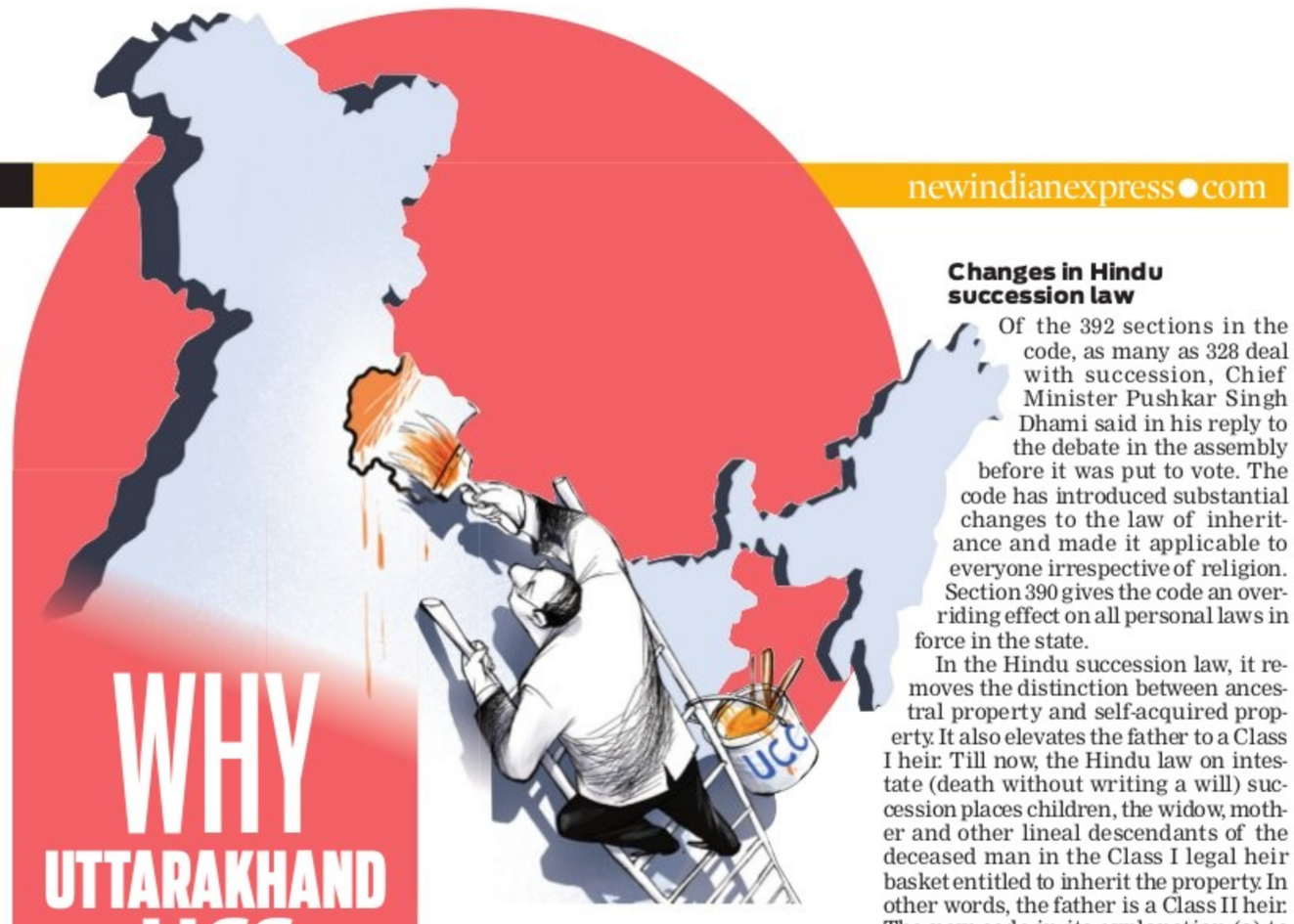
Playing in front of 86,492 spectators at Lusail Stadium, which staged the World Cup final 14 months ago, Jordan fell behind midway through the first half when forward Afif held his nerve with a penalty for his sixth goal of the tournament. Qatar fully deserved their half-time lead but Jordan roared back to equalise through Yazan Al-Naimat's smart finish. The underdogs were level however for just six minutes, Afif slotting home once again from the penalty spot after the referee was advised by VAR to go to his pitch-side monitor.

Qatar's Akram Afif celebrates with teammates after scoring his third goal

This time there was to be no Jordan comeback and Afif scored again from the spot for his hat-trick in injury time, again after a VAR intervention.

Liverpool survive scare

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool survived a scare from struggling Burnley to regain first place in the Premier League with a 3-1 win at Anfield on Saturday. Liverpool had been knocked out of pole position by Manchester City's 2-0 win against Everton earlier. Tottenham climbed back into the top four with 2-1 win over Brighton.



KEY FEATURES

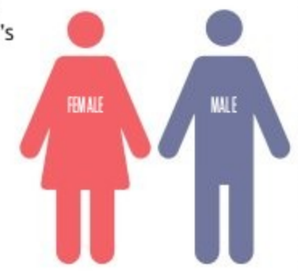
- Total bar on second marriage irrespective of religion while the husband and wife are alive
- Minimum age of marriage for all religions is 21 for boys and 18 for girls
- If a spouse after marriage converts to a different religion without the consent of the partner, the latter has the right to get a divorce and claim alimony
- In cases of divorce or domestic disputes between spouses, it is common for the custody of a child under the age of 5 to be awarded to the mother
- Both husband and wife have equal right to seek divorce in all religions
- Equal rights for daughters to inherit property in all religious communities, regardless of social class
- Elimination of the Islamic practices of Halala and Iddat
- No distinction between legitimate and illegitimate children in terms of property rights
- If a partner dies, both the spouse and children are entitled to equal share of the estate. Parents of the deceased hold an equal stake in the inheritance. The legislation also safeguards the property rights of an unborn children
- A child born during a live-in relationship will be considered legitimate, will receive all the rights of a biological offspring

NO-GO AREA

The code allows marriages when the couple are 'not within the degrees of prohibited relationship'. But it makes an exemption to 'custom or usage' that permits such marriages 'provided they are not against 'public policy and morality'.

LISTS OF PROHIBITED RELATIONSHIPS

Mother • Father's widow (step-mother) • Mother's mother • Mother's father's widow (step grand-mother) • Mother's mother's mother • Mother's mother's father's widow (step great grandmother) • Mother's father's mother • Mother's father's father's widow (step great grandmother) • Father's mother • Father's father's widow (step grandmother) • Father's mother's mother • Father's mother's father's widow (step great grand-mother) • Father's father's mother • Father's father's father's widow (step great grandmother) • Daughter • Son's widow • Daughter's daughter • Daughter's son's widow • Son's daughter • Son's son's widow • Daughter's daughter's daughter • Daughter's daughter's son's widow • Daughter's son's daughter • Daughter's son's son's widow • Son's daughter's daughter • Son's daughter's son's widow • Son's son's daughter Son's son's son's widow • Sister • Sister's daughter • Brother's daughter • Mother's sister's daughter • Mother's brother's daughter



Father • Mother's husband (step father) • Father's father • Father's mother's husband (step grandfather) • Father's father's father • Father's father's mother's husband (step great grandfather) • Father's mother's father • Father's mother's mother's husband (step great grandfather) • Mother's father • Mother's mother's husband (step grandfather) • Mother's father's father • Mother's father's mother's husband (step great grandfather) • Mother's mother's father • Mother's mother's mother's husband (step great grandfather) • Son • Daughter's husband • Son's son • Son's daughter's husband • Daughter's son • Daughter's daughter's husband • Son's son's son • Son's son's daughter's husband • Son's daughter's son • Sen's daughter's daughter's husband • Daughter's son's son • Daughter's son's • daughter's husband • Daughter's daughter's son • Daughter's daughter's daughter's husband • Brother • Brother's son • Sister's son • Mother's brother • Father's brother • Father's brother's son • Father's sister's son • Mother's sister's son • Mother's brother's son

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NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

BEFORE the 22nd Law Commission of India submits its recommendations on the question of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), it ought to take a real hard look at how the Uttarakhand avatar of the law is playing out. The Uttarakhand code that was passed in the legislative assembly on February 7, ironically the first day of Valentine's week, stirred up a hornet's nest by entering into the individual privacy domain of live-in relationships. It became the first state in the country to comprehensively regulate such arrangements.

The bill describes a live-in relationship as one between a man and a woman who cohabit in a shared household in the nature of marriage. Civil rights activists claim its formulations are troubling at multiple levels like the mandatory registration of partners; penalty or imprisonment on failing to do so; and intimation to parents if a partner is under 21.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud in a LGBTQ+ rights case last year had advised states not to interfere with the freedom of consenting adults to form legitimate "intimate associations". And a different bench of the Supreme Court in a case in 2018 had held that the choice of a partner lies within the exclusive domain of each individual's core zone of privacy, which is inviolable.

Yet, the Uttarakhand code stipulates that anyone in a live-in relationship for more than a month without registration will face punishment with imprisonment up to three months or a fine of up to ₹10,000 or both. And live-in couples who fail to get their relationship registered within a month of being served a notice by the registrar to do so will be punished on conviction by a judicial magistrate with a prison term up to six months or a fine of up to ₹25,000 or both. The Uttarakhand code is at present awaiting presidential assent.

Enquiry by registrar

More intrusive is Section 381 of the code, which empowers the registrar to examine the statement submitted by prospective live-in partners, conduct a summary enquiry to check if the relationship is in order and summon them for questioning if required. The stated purpose is to find out if the consent of a partner was obtained by force, coercion, undue influence, misrepresentation or fraud. The code gives the registrar 30 days to accept the statement of the live-in partners, record it and issue a registration certificate - or spike it. A similar exercise would follow for termination. If the registrar concludes that the relationship is not kosher, he would alert the police to take necessary action.

After creating all that anxiety, the code says, the purpose of registration is just to maintain records.

It goes on to mandate that no live-in relationship with a minor can be registered. And if any of the partners is under the age of 21, the registrar will inform their parents or guardians. For its part, the government claims the primary objective of the bill is to safeguard women's rights.

Legitimate offspring

On the positive side, children born of such relationships will be considered legitimate. Also, deserted women will be entitled to maintenance from their partners as their relationship is treated as marriage.

While the point about registration being tied to safety and benefits is well taken, what is lost in the process is individual privacy. The burden of registration could shoo off unmarried partners who otherwise want to cohabit. A public interest litigation on the violation of fundamental rights may not be too far away. Besides, bringing the police into play in the case of non-registration of live-ins is a double-edged weapon that could do more harm than good.

Privacy concerns

Reacting to the code, a Hindu couple in a live-in arrangement in a posh locality in Dehradun for a year said they were appalled at the regulation. The partner who works at a private college, told this newspaper, "Within my social sphere, our cohabitation is common knowledge, yet this new legislation encroaches upon our privacy. Mandating compliance with this statute represents a clear violation of both my and my partner's fundamental rights to privacy." That worry appears quite widespread.

But advocate Nadim Uddin, author of several books on marriage laws in Dehradun, has a different take. He opines that "the new code could potentially harm the institution of the traditional Indian marriage and put the future of children born from such relationships at risk. For, the code has made divorce or separation for all religions arduous." So, more couples could go for live-in arrangements as they are comparatively easier to build and break up, he argued.

The bill mandates that all live-in couples in Uttarakhand get themselves registered whether or not they hail from the state. It also makes it mandatory for people hailing from Uttarakhand but living elsewhere to register their live-in arrangement with the registrar within whose jurisdiction the person ordinarily resides. But Yogesh Sethi, an advocate dealing with matrimonial and civil law cases, says: "As per Article 245 of the Constitution, a state's legislature can enact laws for its geographical region and not beyond. Yet, Section 1(3) of the code extends its provisions to residents of Uttarakhand residing beyond the state borders," which may not be enforceable.

In her pushback, BJP spokesperson Sunita Borai says, "This bill focuses specifically on matters related to marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption and live-in relationships. The detailed provisions, especially those related to marriage procedures, have been carefully crafted to honour and preserve the distinct traditions and practices of all castes, religions and beliefs without any imposition."

Mandatory marriage registration

The bill makes the registrations of marriage and decree of divorce compulsory. Upon registration, the Register of Marriages would be open for public inspection. While the legislative intent could be to prevent bigamy and fraudulent marriages, civil rights activists contend it could disproportionately affect inter-caste and inter-faith couples by making them vulnerable to surveillance. Failure to register a marriage can attract monetary penalty but not arrest unlike in the case of live-ins. Also, not registering a marriage would not legally annul the union.

Changes in Hindu succession law

Of the 392 sections in the code, as many as 328 deal with succession, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said in his reply to the debate in the assembly before it was put to vote. The code has introduced substantial changes to the law of inheritance and made it applicable to everyone irrespective of religion. Section 390 gives the code an overriding effect on all personal laws in force in the state.

In the Hindu succession law, it removes the distinction between ancestral property and self-acquired property. It also elevates the father to a Class I heir. Till now, the Hindu law on intestate (death without writing a will) succession places children, the widow, mother and other lineal descendants of the deceased man in the Class I legal heir basket entitled to inherit the property. In other words, the father is a Class II heir. The new code in its explanation (a) to Section 49 adds the father to the Class I heir list.

Muslims can bequeath entire property

Mahomedan Law gives Muslims the option to bequeath up to one-third of their property to any individual of their preference through a Will. The rest is distributed as per the prescription of the Quran and Hadith. But Section 91 of the UCC removes limitations on the percentage of property or to whom they can bequeath it.

Polygamy

The code specifies that a marriage between a man and a woman can be solemnised if neither party has a spouse living at the time of marriage. In other words, it bans polygamy and polyandry. It also gives partners the right to remarry after divorce or the nullification of any marriage if there is no pending appeal.

Banning the Muslim practice of 'halala' without saying it upfront, the code gives the partner 'the right to marry the divorced spouse without any condition, such as marrying a third person before such remarriage'.

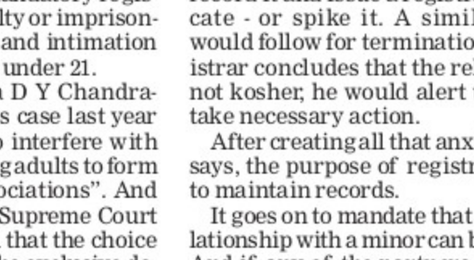
Expert committee

The BJP had promised the UCC in the run-up to the 2022 assembly polls in Uttarakhand. Shortly after winning the mandate with a thumping majority - 47 seats in the 70-member House - Dhami on May 27 that year appointed a five-member panel headed by Justice Ranjana Desai, a retired Supreme Court judge, to work on the UCC draft. Its members were retired Delhi High Court judge Pramod Kohli, social activist Manu Gaur, former Chief Secretary Shatrughan Singh and Doon University Vice Chancellor Surekha Dangwal. They submitted their report on February 2 and authored the draft bill.

Regulations panel

The state government on Saturday constituted a nine-member committee headed by former chief secretary Shatrughan Singh to draft the regulations for the Uniform Civil Code for its smooth rollout after presidential assent.

Multidimensional POVERTY



Adding a new dimension to the poverty debate

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FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her Budget speech on February 1, claimed the Modi government assisted 25 crore people to get freedom from multidimensional poverty. The FM was probably referring to the Niti Aayog report on the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), which measures 'poverty' beyond the income parameter.

In its latest report published in September 2023, the Niti Aayog report claims that 13.5 crore people were out of multi-dimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21. According to it, only 14.96% of the population in India was multidimensionally poor in 2019-21, a sharp decline from the 2015-16 level of 24.85%. The report claimed the intensity of poverty, which measures average deprivation among people living in multidimensional poverty, reduced from 47.14% to 44.39% during the survey period 2015-16 and 2019-21. The MPI value, which is the share of the population that is multidimensionally poor adjusted by the intensity of the deprivations, nearly halved – fell from 0.117 to 0.066 – during the survey period.

The report then extrapolated these numbers to arrive at the conclusion that headcounts of people suffering from multidimensional poverty have come down by 25 crore between 2014-15 and 2022-23.

What is it all about

Multidimensional poverty is different from the traditionally measured poverty calculated through income levels. In India, income level poverty is indirectly measured through the consumer expenditure survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI).

The last time such a survey was conducted by NSSO was in 2017-18, but the report was junked by the government after the survey findings indicated a fall in consumer spendings. So, for the poverty level reference number, all we have (before the multidimensional poverty index report) is the result of the 2011-12 survey. Based on that survey, it was estimated that 22% of the population, or around 27 crore people, were living below the poverty line.

Departing from the traditional income measure, the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) measures 'deprivations' across the three equally weighted dimensions of health, education and standard of living. These three broader dimensions are, in turn, represented by indicators such as nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal health, years of schooling, school attendance, cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, assets and bank accounts.

The larger goal of having a multidimensional poverty index (MPI) is to have additional information on the nature of poverty measured through income levels.

"The MPI complements monetary poverty measures by capturing additional information – including broader qualitative aspects of life, like child mortality, housing conditions, and other basic services such as water and sanitation," says the Niti Aayog MPI report published last year.

The MPI is a globally accepted concept and the same has been used by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in its flagship Human Development Report since 2010 and is the most widely used non-monetary poverty index in the world.

Elaborating on the need to have an MPI, Niti Aayog in its report says that simple headcount ratios or poverty rates do not provide any insights on the depth of poverty.

"It is possible that while the number of poor individuals as captured by the headcount ratio reduces, the poorest may, in fact, get even poorer. Alternatively, gains among the poor may be completely missed unless they cross the 'poverty line' or exit poverty," argues Niti Aayog.

To address these limitations of income-based poverty measures, the Multidimensional Poverty Index was devised by Sabina Alkire and James Foster, two professors at Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative. The MPI measures the depth of poverty rather than just the number of people below the poverty line. The concept of MPI also takes into account Amartya Sen's Capabilities Approach, which says that people's well-being is not just about having the resources, but being able to use them effectively.

How is it measured

The National MPI determines deprivation levels across three dimensions of health, education and standard of living. The three dimensions have been accorded equal weight (1/3). These three dimensions are further divided into 12 indicators – with three under health, two under education and seven under standard of living. While India has retained the original 10 indicators of the global MPI model, it has added two new indicators -- maternal health and bank account – based on 'national priorities'.

All these indicators have been accorded different weights in such a way that they add up to their group weight of 1/3. Nutrition, years of schooling and school attendance have a weightage of 1/6, child-adolescent mortality and maternal health have been assigned weightage of 1/12. Other indicators falling in the standard of living category have been assigned 1/21 weightage.

Each indicator has a deprivation cut-off -- the level of achievement normatively sufficient in order for an individual to be considered not deprived in an indicator. For example, the individual has completed at least six years of schooling. India's national MPI follows the poverty cut-off of 33.33% used in the global MPI measure.

The government first published the National Multidimensional Poverty Index: Baseline Report in November 2021. The report provided poverty estimates for India's 36 states and Union Territories as well as the 640 districts defined in the 2011 census. These estimates were computed using data from the 4th round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted in 2015-16.

The second report published last year measures the changes in multidimensional poverty between the two survey periods -- 2015-16 (NFHS-4) and 2019-21 (NFHS-5).

The criticism

The use of multidimensional poverty index results by the government to claim a drastic drop in the number of poverty-stricken people has come in for criticism for various reasons. Experts have claimed that while MPI results give useful insight into the depth of poverty, it is not the correct way of estimating poverty.

Pronab Sen, former chief statistician of India, had earlier talked to TNIE on the utility of the MPI report. He says the index actually measures deprivation, and deprivation may or may not have anything to do with poverty.

"Poverty is an income concept. Multidimensional index is a deprivation concept – they are two different things," he reiterates. To drive home his point, he explains: "Think of an old Zamindar. He lives in the old family mansion -- a pakka house-- but is broke. But in terms of the multidimensional poverty index, he may not be so."

Amit Basole, Associate Professor of Economics, School of Arts and Sciences, at Azim Premji University, had also told this newspaper that the multidimensional poverty index is not a substitute for the traditional way of measuring poverty. According to him, multidimensional poverty captures slightly different indicators such as standard of living, etc.

"If you think about educational attainment, as more and more people are getting educated, there will be a reduction in multidimensional poverty. Now, it is possible that this educational attainment is achieved by borrowing or selling assets rather than an increase in people's income," explains Basole.

Sen, though, believes the MPI is useful for targeting government social expenditures. "It helps in determining where the fault lies within the education system, health system or the housing system. Where is the problem, so you can target those," says Pronab Sen.

He further stresses that MPI is very useful for targeting, but completely useless for measuring poverty.

According to Basole, MPI and income and consumption surveys should complement each other to arrive at the larger picture.

"We should have data on income and expenditure and we should also have data on these kinds (MPI) of outcomes. We should put them together, and see if overall things are improving along all the dimensions including income," he says.

The unending debate

The MPI has only confounded the confusion and added fuel to the debate over India's real poverty level. The official way in which India has been measuring poverty (through the consumer expenditure survey) is not available, which is why people have been using different approaches. While some people use the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) consumption data, others have been using the CMIE data. Experts say comparability becomes an issue in all of these.

The earlier poverty number of 22% was based on the Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by NSSO in 2011-12. Until new numbers come out, there is no comparable number to the poverty figure of 2021.

With the latest round of the survey having been conducted recently, the report of which is likely to come in the current year, experts are hopeful that the cloud over India's poverty number would finally get cleared.